## Tomorrow

A passage through India: Trevor Fishlock, The Times correspondent in Delhi, is about to leave the country which has been his home for the past three years. On the Spectrum page tomorrow he records his memories and parting impressions of In-dia, a land of striking contrasts, where modern science lives side by side with the ballock cart and "there is never a duil

The Friday Page takes a look at the home life of the Rev Ian Paisley, Northern politician. After 26 years of marriage, Paisley still sends his wife red roses and she still keeps his love letters. A three-page Special Report on Wales describes the efforts being made to attract new industries and holiday

#### Green light for cut in base rates

expected to cut their base lending rates from 10½ to 10 per cent after a signal from the Bank of England. But last year's public borrowing may have been £1,000m over Budget estimates, official figures suggest.

#### Seat belt law saves lives

Wearing of car seat belts, which became compulsory in February, is saving lives and substantially reducing serious road injuries, an included by *The Times* has disclosed Page 5

#### Chicago pledge

Mr Harold Washington, elected Chicago's first black mayor by just 4 per cent of the vote, pledged to heal the racial divisions opened in the cam-

#### Ulster murder

Terrorists shot dead a man and connected with the Territorial Army, in an ambush in Main Street, Keady, Co. Ar-

#### Galtieri goes

General Leopoldo Galtieri, former President of Argentina, was taken to an undisclosed Army prison, amid growing uncertainty over his sentence and his precise legal situation Back page

#### Reuters' £36.5m

Reuters, the news and financial information agency whose ownership is in dispute, reported doubled profits of Page 19

#### Mafia slaughter

Eleven people have died, including a former lieutenant of the gangster Lucky Luciano, in a fresh ombreak of Mafia clan Page 8 killings in Sicily

#### Japanese 'spies' Mr Stanislav Levchenko, the Soviet spy who defected to the United States in 1979, has named several prominent Japanese, including a Cabinet minister, whom he said, he had recruited as KGB agents Page 9

#### Slim chances Short cuts to slimming such as

starch blockers and appetite suppressants are a waste of money and could be harmful, according to Which? magazine

#### Cut in smoking

A survey by the Cancer Research Campaign indicates that fewer children are smoking than in recent years

Leader page, 15 Letters: On Third World aid, from Professor Al Clunies Ross, and Sir Colin Campbell; citizens' advice, from Mr J Davies. teaching, from Mr A A Barton Leading article: Mayor of Chicago; Miscarriages of justice; War widows visiting graves
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Salvador, Will President Saddam be the last victim of the Iran-Iraq war? An unlikely hero

for Michael Foot. Spectrum: Out and about with the night Deople Obitesty, page 16 mond Bagley, Rear-Admiral B. C. Durant Building Societies: Three-page special report for borrowers and

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# Arafat envoys sent to reopen peace talks with Husain

special envoys to Amman to reopen talks with King Husain of Jordan on the Reagan peace lation that President Reagan to late the resident of later than the resident of later than the resident reagans to later the resident reagans to later than the resident reagans the resident reagans to later than the resident reagans reagans reagans the resident reagans plan for the Middle East.

"We will be doing our best to negotiable. continue these joint talks with the Jordanian authorities," he jovial mood, praising the said. He hoped for a meeting "friendly nature" of his Swedish

Mr Arafat said there were "Just some misunderstandings" between himself and King Husain, "When I left Amman, I told him 'You are a king and maybe you can give directives. I am a chairman and I have been elected democratically, which is Soviet Union is supporting us. why I have to discuss things with my leadership'."

He referred to "some adjustments" to the plan put to him by King Husain and said "these are now under discussion". He and King Husain were still ation was asking for

"cooperating together".

Mr Arafat also said that he still hoped to meet King Hassan in camera flashlights. "I am still of Morocco to discuss President homeless, stateless, without Reagan's peace proposals. He even an identification card," he said the Arab summit meeting said. "We are five million, we in Rabat had been only

to Montevideo on their way home, needs a £2m refit before

embarking on its usual round of

The Ministry of Defence will bear 40 per cent of the cost of the refit - about £800,000 -

equivalant to the work involved

Bernard Crisp:

because it was unable to do the yards.

Wanted Britain to get

order.

Britain.

Caribbean cruises in July.

Falklands state.

Mr Yassir Arafat, leader of leadership, probably in Tunisia, the Palestine Liberation Organi- to discuss the situation in the zation, said in Stockholm last light of the Jordanian cabinet

peace plan was no longer

But while Mr Arafat was in said. He hoped for a meeting "friendly nature" of his Swedish between himself and King hosts, he had harsh words Husain shortly. Asked when, he concerning the American involvement in Middle Eastern politics.
"When I was under siege in

Beirut," he said. "I was not facing the Israelis, I was facing the Americans." He accused the "American mercenaries".
"On the other hand, the

They have declared that the Palestinian people must have their rights. said that before there could be any recognition of Israel by the PLO, the organiz-ation was asking for "inter-

national legality".
He smiled sadly as he blinked

have our rights. temporarily postponed.

Asked if he would be going to
Rabat, he smiled, spread his
hands amiably and said: "Why

"Israel was created by a
United Nations' resolution but
they ignore all other UN
resolutions."

not?"

Mr Arafat added: "Within the next 24 hours there will be a what happened to Mr Sartawi summit meeting of the PLO does not happen to me."

Conard need the work to be done in 55 days because the British Government had pro-

longed the ship's stay in the

Faiklands, and she was booked

for Caribbean cruises from July

Sir Rober Atkinson, chair-man of British Shipbuilders,

said he could not afford to risk

and Mr Crisp was confident the

Union leaders in Britain were

Mr Paddy McKay, chairman

sceptical about the ability of the

Maltese to fulfil the contract.

of the Type Shiprepair Group

shop stewards' committee, said the work would have been

'manna from heaven" to the

group, which lost 1,400 jobs and

three repair yards last year. Mr Tom Burlison, chairman

of the Northern TUC, spoke of

outrage among local people at a time when British Shipbuilders

was contemplating further re-

and repair work done in British

time schedule would be kept.

**Cunard refit to cost** 

taxpayers £800,000

Nearly half the cost of round-the-clock overtime to

refitting the Cunard Countess, one British yard, but even then

the cruise liner, in a Maltese it would not have been possible shipyard will be borne by the British taxpayer.

The ship, which is ferrying relatives of the Falklands dead to Montevidee on their way their taxpayers.

The ship, which is ferrying and the ship way their way thei

in removing the helicopter pad incurring the heavy penalty and other military equipment, clauses Cunard was stipulating and restoring the ship to its preif the work were not completed

builders bid for the contract, the charging £500,000 more than state-owned firm was beaten by British Shipbuilders, they could the Malta Drydock Corporation assign 5,000 men to the task,

work in the requisite 55 days. The British Government has Both Cunard and the Governbeen a leading source of ment have come under moun-revenue for Cunard over the

ting public criticism for the fact past year, chartering the Queen that the work is not coming to Elizabeth 2 and the Cunard

Mr Bernard Crisp, managing
When the Atlantic Conveyor,
director of Cunard, said he had
another Cunard ship, was sunk
wanted to place the order in in the Falklands, the GovernBritain, but British Shipbuilders
mest paid between £10m and

had been unable to do the work £15m to ensure that its replace-

in less than 80 days. He also ment was built in Britain.

pointed out that the Cunard NEW YORK: Cunard offi-

Countess, which was built in cials in New York said yester-

Denmark and operated in the day that they expected a Caribbean, was normally contract with the Maltese firm

Countess

on schedule.

Earlier the Swedish leaders who met Mr Arafat, including Minister, confirmed his willingness to continue negotiations on President Reagan's proposais.

■ LONDON: The onus wa on Israel to play its part in the Middle East peace process by removing its troops from Lebanon without delay, Mr Francis Pym, the Foreign Secretary, said last night, Henry Stanhope writes.

The Arabs had made constructive move at last autumn's Fez summit and there was still overwhelming support for the way of moderation and

"The extremists must not be allowed a veto", he told the Diplomatic Corps at the Lord Mansion House, less than 24 hours after his return from Jordan and the Gulf. The scene had been clouded

by the dissappointing results between King Husain and Mr Proof was now needed that

the path of negotiation and moderation really worked, and the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon would make an mmense contribution.

Earlier in the Commons Mr Pynnn, said that he could still see no practical alternative to the Reagan proposals as a starting point. They constituted an opportunity which would not recur and had to be seized

#### Forecast of 5% rise in exports

he said.

in world trade has lifted as a result of statements by Mr Paul Volcker, the United States Federal Reserve Board chairman, which were interpreted to mean that the United States will try strengously to avoid any significant rise in interest

dundancies, and called for legislation to force British shipowners to have building

The crucial element in the forecasts is the US. Economists anticipate a growth rate of up to 4 per cent, accompanied by modest inflation and continuing

By Michael Prest Britain's exports should grow more strongly than ever over the next 12 months as a result of the fall in sterling, and the certainty that the world economy will recover this year.

Mr Peter Rees, Minister for Trade Secretary, told a CBI meeting yesterday that the volume of British exports

should jump by 5 per cent in the year to June 1984. "The United Kingdom now appears to be better placed for exportcampaign for dealers, to boost which has moved from sixth to list price. its new Sierra car to the top as fourth place. led growth than for a long Britain's best-selling car, has run into trouble. Rivals say that At the same time, the biggest it has dashed all hopes of ending

Mr Rees said: "There is now growing evidence of a thaw at last in the world economy." This view - which bears critically on Government policy in a probable general election year – is strongly supported by outside forecasters.

It is now expected that the industrial countries' gross national product – the total value of all goods and services and trade - will grow on average this year by 2 per cent, compared with virtual stag-nation or worse in preceding

firm control of the money

Supply.
The United Kingdom Treasury feels that lower oil prices, more control over inflation, gradual reduction of Budge deficits among some major countries, and improvements in business confidence leading to that the recovery will be sustained.

# Two of Gibraltar's famous ages sit impassively as ships of the "Falklands fleet" lie alongside in the harbour.

Spanish warships watch the

No concern of the apes

A British fleet, led by the aircraft carrier Invincible, yes-terday began its visit here as Andrew is a helicopter pilot on board the Invincible. scheduled, ignoring the Spanish Government's loudly-expressed tar's Chief Minister, said the "displeasure". The arrival of the Spannish protests did not help British ships was observed by the good neighbourliness re-

agreement (on opening the border) was to have its effect. which took up position inside their national waters. The Spanish ships, two frigates and a destroyer, had As the fleet came in, the Gibraltar Trades Council said it will black the Spring Train exercise as part of the union's campaign to save the naval sailed from Cadiz. The British force of 12 ships is participating in an Atlantic exercise, called dockyards from closure.

three ships of the Spanish Navy,

The ships had sailed in line from the entrance to the Strait of Gibraltar and were seen on the horizon by travellers on the hydrofoil service shortly after we began the crossing from Algeciras, on the Spanish side of the bay. Helicopters frequently flew over the vessels. Exercises duration of the fleet's five-day by the force, to whose presence the Spaniards have objected because of the role of the

Algeciras Bay. He said he would also renounce the Lisbon agreement, because it was impossible to negotiate under such conditions. The Senate, the upper house quired if the 1980 Lisbon

> the government protest. The resolution deplored the visit and said it implied a worsening of Anglo-Spanish relations. . However, the Spanish people

A statement said the action would last until tomorrow, but its effects were not immediately had not been for the attitude of the Spannish Government "attwo days to hear its protests. tacking Gibraltar" the blacking would have continued for the

MADRID: Señor Manuel six morning newspapers found Fraga, leader of Spain's main the fleet's visit sufficiently MADRID: Señor Manuel Invincible in the Falklands opposition party, the Popular newsworthy to go on the fi conflict, were later held in the Alliance, said that if he were in page, and most made bay, with helicopters picking up power he would immediately editorial comment.

Competitors claim that Ford spent between £5m and £7m last month to boost Sierra sales.

dealers in the country, the Birmingham-based BSG group, advertised Sierras for sale at

factory prices

registered in March.

Sierras with delivery milage

have also been sold by dealers through British Car Auctions

sale rooms. Dealers justified this by pointing to the huge bonuses available for cars

This last-minute increase in

the campaign produced such a

flood of registrations that

Sierra campaign in trouble

Ford's controversial discount Escort and BL's new Maestro to sell Sierras at £1,000 below

Dealers were given £500 a car

for registering up to 10 Sierras

for use as so-called demon-strator models, Most of them

were sold within days of being

registered. In addition, dealers

received bonuses of £350 for

each sale over a minimal target.

free after Fleet sail into Gibraltar Warsaw

sed a resolution supporting

disgusted" about the arrival of Prince Andrew and "the Falklands fleet" than the Madrid government, which summoned Sir Richard Parsons, the British Ambassador, twice in the past

Spaniards interviewed expressed a lack of concern for the most part. Only two of Madrid's newsworthy to go on the front

## questioning From Roger Boyes

Walesa set

Polish police yesterday picked up Mr Lech Walesa, the leader of the banned Solidarity trade union, to question him about his weekend talks with fugitive underground leaders. After five hours of interrogation, the police allowed Mr Walesa to return home.

According to eyewitnesses, two uniformed policemen and an officer in plain clothes took Mr Walesa away from his apartment in Gdansk, threatening to use force if necessary. Mr Walesa at first refused on the grounds that they had no arrest warrant but he eventually agreed and was then driven to a police station for interrogation.

Under Polish law, the police can hold suspects for 48 hours without an arrest warrant, but Mr Walesa was freed after only a few hours of questioning. According to his friends, Mr Walesa refused to give any details of his meeting with the

It has been clear for the past day - since Mr Walesa anunderground - that the auth-orities would have to undertake some kind of action against the Solidarity leader.

Although it is not actually illegal to meet with fugitive Solidarity activists, it is illegal to discuss anti-government actions with them. If the authorities can establish n their interrogations that the law was broken, this might eventually lead to an arrest. This is still unlikely, however, as it would have far reaching implications for such events as the planned Continued on back page, col 2 | Papal visit to Poland in June.

## per cent, to fifth place with only 6.3 per cent. It has been ousted increased by several hundred by Vauxhall's Cavalier followed pounds for the last 10 days of by BL's Metro, Ford's own March, enabling some dealers Whites-only première for 'Gandhi' in South Africa

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

a multi-racial audience.

the bitter cut-price war of the

last two years and appears to have backfired on Ford because

Confidential figures circulat-

ing in the industry last night show that in the first 10 days of

April, the Sierra fell from outright leadership with 11.5

of its short-lived success.

The April 21 première here is Africa. Sterkinekor, the cinema chain showing Gandhi, said yeasterday that it had not been asked by the charity to apply for a multi-racial permit, and now it was too late to do so as all the

get a chance to attend a multiracial showing of Gandhi at an

Dr Essop Jassat, the vice-chairman of the Gandhi Centenary Council, said last night "The fact that (the première) is a whites only audience shows the whole silly set-up in South Africa, whites are going to see a work about a man who opposed all they stand for. I don't think Richard Attenborough realizes seats had been sold to whites.
On April 22 Sir Richard will

what he's doing. If he was aware of the implications he wouldn't

Gandhi's glory, page 14

# Sir Richard Attenborough old cinema in the Fordsburg will attend a whites-only pre-mière of his award-winning film was recently declared an Indian

Gandhi in Johannesburg next area. This is to raise money for Thursday, apparently because the Gandhi Centenary Council the charity for whose benefit it which wants to restore Tolstoy is being staged failed to apply in Farm, where Gandhi lived and time for a special permit worked for a time.

Dr Essop Jassat, the vice-

being held to raise money for the Cancer Association of South

# Kingston upon Thames .15,600 sq ft Air conditioned **OFFICES** with 30 car spaces TO LET Weatherall

## Testited in the United States. He said: "We offered to pay Thomas writes)." Thomas writes). Slip the election leash, demand Opposition parties said, and knew that only by election mood by attempting to we can protect their vital going to the country in June sink their acknowledged policy could she claim even limited, differences at a meeting of the Mr Foot, who welcomed the

By Julian Haviland and Philip Webster

The Opposition parties responded yesterday to the growing belief at Westminster arowing belief at westminster in an early general election, the Alliance leadership by saying they were eager for a fight, and Labour MPs by approving, in a mood of marked amity, their campaign document, The New Hope for Principle. Hope for Britain.

Mr Roy Jenkins, leader of the Social Democrats, speaking last night at Staines, Middlesex, urged Mrs Margaret Thatcher to stop "dithering". The Parliament had run as much of its course as it had the stamina to do, he said, and every month the Government continued in office was worse news for the

Labour government, however those Conservatives who prefer for their programme, and did Labour had to be the party remote the prospect, creates an autumn election believe they not believe it could or should be most unlessable. Mrs. uncertainty and weakening would be most vulnerable. Mre confidence, Let us get on with it Thatcher was frightened, he



and put these great matters ot

In the next breath Mr Jenkins "Equally, the threat of a deployed the argument to which rising by the end of the year.

Earlier, after a meeting Mr Michael Foot, the party about Labour, but they were between Mr Jenkins, Mr David leader, promised them that the being overcome.

Steel, the Liberal leader, and eventual manifesto would He accepted that there were their advisers, a joint statement reflect what was in the docnsaid that the Alliance parinteness ment, so painstakingly drafted on the campaign document; he
had more than 500 candidates to meet the interests of left and emphasized that sentences in the field. The sooner the right. country could vote for a new beginning the better.

tives and many Labour MPs during the past two years. were afraid of their own party's winning. Conservatives were fright that the party should be month of 3 per cent, in the ened of a move to the right pressing for an early election. It number of voters who are Labour MPs, including many of was prepared for one, it wanted satisfied with her as Prime their leaders, had no stomach

implemented

ment.

During the two-and-a-half hour meeting there was criti- ment, but that it should be read virs Shirley Williams, the cism of the leadership for falling in full. SDP president, speaking in to get its message across, but SDP president, speaking in to get its message across, but Mr Foot's pledge on the Wandsworth, south London, none of the bitterness that has manifesto was welcomed by said that many active Conservations characterized such meetings left-wing MPs.

the Government out.

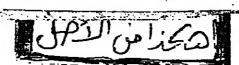
tion caused by the Tories. "We Labour MPs reacted to the have to reassure the people that

Mr Foot, who welcomed the success for her economic policy parliamentary party called to tone of yesterday's meeting because inflation would be consider the campaign docu- said that internal had contributed to the public's doubts

He accepted that there were should not be picked out of the passage on nuclear disarma-

Mrs Thatchers has suf-Mr Wedgewood Benn said fered a drop during the past Minister, according to a Gallup poll published in The Daily Telegraph today (the Press Association reports)

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Britain's first private hire motor cycles with "chauffeurs" were licensed yesterday when Bradford council permitted two unemployed brothers to operate package holidays on the pillion. After consulting the council's lawyers, the public services subcommittee agreed that the 500cc machines of Mr John Berry, aged 27, and Mr Gary Berry, his brother, aged 24, could be licensed.

The subcommittee accepte the advice that a motor cycle could be a private hire vehicle because it was constructed to carry fewer than eight

#### Field trial for lawnmowers

The argument between Qual-cast and Flymo is to be tested today at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, before officials from the Independent Television Companies Association (ITCA). Qualcast has been running a television advertisement pur-porting to show how much more efficient its conventional Concorde lawnmower is than the hovering Flymo. Flymo conplains the advertisement is a misrepresentation and ITCA officials will see the Concorde

#### Police charged with assault

Seven police constables of the special patrol group, including a young woman, appeared at Wells Street magistrates court, central London yesterday, charged with assaulting black youths during the Brixton riots in 1981 and conspiring to cover

up the alleged attacks.

Between April 11, 1981 and
September 9, 1982, they were alleged to have attempted to mislead investigating police officers by making untrue statements, after alleged assaults on Mr Ian Francis and Mr Winston Young.

#### Verdict on housewives

A verdict of unlawful killing be a person or persons unknown was returned by the jury at the inquest in Aldershot yesterday into the deaths of two house-

Mrs Margaret Johnson, aged Billy Brazil, aged 35, a professional burglar, was jailed for a total of nine years by Winchester Crown Court yesterday for a series of burglaries at wealthy homes in the South. 66, and Mrs Ann Lee, aged 44, both of Aldershot, were killed on May 10 last year while walking their dogs across army

#### Changes at trust

Lord Trust Caldecote is to succeed Sir Eric Drake, who retires on May 1, as chairman of the Mary Rose Trust

Captain Charles Douds, the ce will becom chief executive officer, Mr Richard Harrison, the executive director, will become museum director, and Mrs Margaret Rule, the archaelogical director is to be research director.

#### CORRECTION

Mrs Shirley Williams was joined by Mr Richard Holme, chairman of the Liberal Party's publicity group, not by Mr Richard Wainwright in the press conference reported on April 12 under the heading "Foul play cry

## TUC steps up campaign to fight Thatcher on jobless

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

political

ammunition

Labour's front bench spokesmen on the economy. The paper claimed that inflation would rise from its low of 4.9

per cent in January to at least 6

per cent by the end of this year,

mainly because recent de-preciation of the pound had

made imports more expensive.
And in a general criticism it
said: "The Chancellor has

attempted to diminish the

elements of the Budget prior to

"This has been used as

political impact of various proposals. This contrasts with the Chancellor's unwillingness

to open up the pre-Budge

discussions in the way suggested by the House of Commons

"Secondly, the Chancellor has framed the Budget pro-

posals within the very narrow

constraints imposed by the Medium Term Financial Strat-

egy. He has attempted to create

the impression that the Govern-

select committee.

Trade union leaders yester-The National Union day stepped up their prep- Mineworkers, which has so far stood aloof from TULV, is aration for a general election and reaffirmed that the keynote inderstood to have promised of Labour's political challenge to Mrs Margaret Thatcher Mr Jim Mortimer, the party secretary, a donation of £200,000 towards the election would be on unemployment and the TUC's "battle for jobs". fund. The total of promises and Representatives of 30 unions attending a fund-raising confer- exceed £1m. In a confidential analysis of the Budget, the TUC economic committee yesterday fed fresh

ence at Transport House in London were told that Labour's "council of war" at Woodstock College, Surrey, in three weeks' time would concentrate on the aims, organization and financial backing for Mr Michael Foot's effort to get into Downing Mr David Basnett, chairman

of Trade Unions for Labour Victory, (TULV), which also terday, said: "We are making sure we are organized and ready. We are gearing up."

He added: "Unemployment will be the major issue of the importance of the Budget in two election. Central to that will be the TUC's battle for jobs."

We respect to over the last four years. Firstly, the Treasury has the TUC's battle for jobs."
The "summit" bri Gininished the impact of the statement itself by assiduously leaking some of the key

The "summit" bringing together the unions, the Shadow Cabinet and Labour's national executive will be held on May 5 and 6 at the training centre of the Budget speech, the General, Municipal, Boiler-This has been men and Allied Trades Union, means of manipulating the of which Mr Basnett is general secretary. The issue of the party leadership seems to have been set firmly aside in preparations for a possible June poll.

Union leaders last night refused to say what progress had been made towards the party's objective of a £3m "war chest to fight the election. The TULV chairman said that it was a three-stage campaign to bring in money from the financially hard-pressed labour movement. and the cash was coming in. But this timetable could be changed if the Prime Minister called a

Nine years

for 'master

burglar'

Judge Pigot, QC, told him: "You are a master burgiar and,

encountered".

disposed of

which antiques

that unrecovered property from the nine burglary offences was

bankruptcy order against him.

worth more than £77,000.

### **Supergrass** 'took part in death raid'

rowing in the economy.

From Richard Ford

A loyalist "supergrass" whose evidence helped to jail 12 out of 14 men for a total of 200 years, and the remaining two for life was named yesterday as the third man in a Post Office raid during which woman was murdered.

indeed, the most accomplished professional burglar I have ever Mr Joseph Bennett, a selfconfessed former commander Brazil was one of 10 people in the outlawed Ulster Volun-Navy director of appointments sentenced for the part they teer Force, has been granted and training at the Ministry of played in a series of burgiaries immunity from prosecution in relation to crimes now being and silverware were stolen and tried at Belfast Crown Court.

Yesterday the trial began of two men charged with the murder of Miss Muriel McCann, at postmistress at He was found guilty of nine cases of burglary and on charges of conspiring to commit burglary and conspiring to handle stolen goods. The judge said Killinchy, co Down, last year.

William Clifford and Michael Campbell, both from Belfast, deny charges of murder, malicious wounding attempted armed robbery and possession Judge Pigot ordered Brazil to pay £11,500 towards his legal aid and made a criminal of a gun and ammunition with

The case continues today.



#### **Thousands** in Dublin tax march

From Our Correspondent

Thousands of workers in the Republic of. Ireland staged a half-day strike yesterday after-noon as marches were held in more than 20 cities and towns in support of tax reforms,

The police said that 20,000 people took part in the largest march through the centre of Dublin. Union leaders claimed the future was higher, but acknowledged that it was much lower than the estimated 100,000 involved in the tax march of March, 1979. Attendances at marches outside Dublin varied from 300 to 5,000 vesterday.

ment is powerless except in the negative sense of minimizing its level of expenditure and bor-The protests disrupted industry throughout the country, but shops, banks and public houses remained open.

> The marches are intended to be the first stage of a campaign of opposition to the high levels of tax and social insurance contributions paid by workers who are taxed under the pay as you earn system.

> Leaders of the three main parties in the republic and the Social Democratic and Labour Party in the North meet today for talks on setting up the all Ireland forum aimed at drawing up the shape of a united Ireland (our Belfast Correspondent writes).

support their leaders' stand that

body should cover only quali-

auxiliaries within the remit of

said that during last year's

fied staff and students.

the review body.

mouth, made it clear they fully policy against industrial action.

the new independent pay review action. We have kept that

## New appeals review body ruled out

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

examine alleged miscarriages of

But it says that the Home Secretary will be prepared to efer more of such cases back to the Court of Appeal, which will make greater use of its powers to admit evidence and consider

The Home Secretary will also consider appointing lawyers ad hoc to assist over whether to take action in some cases, and in all cases where the Home Secretary refuses to take further action "some explanation, rather than a simple statement

should be offered".
The White Paper is the body to allay public concern cable, to order a retrial".

about possible miscarriages of The Government was a captured to the concern cable, to order a retrial.

the committee by the Criminal back to magistrates course Bar Association, by Justice, the Missingues of Justice Green Bar Association, by Justice, the law reform group, and by Sir David Napley, the solicitor, could lead to a reexamination of up to 200 convictions a year Miscarriages Justice, Government Reply to the Sixth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1981 to 1982 (Stationery Office, Cmd. 8856. £1.30).

:We did not take industrial

promise. The Government

should keep theirs."

The Government, in a White from 2,000 petitions presented Paper published yesterday, has to the Home Secretary. rejected MPs' proposals for an But yesterday the White independent review body to Paper said that "as a matter of constitutional principle it should primarily be for the courts and the judicial process to review convictions and, if

necessary upset them".

Urging that priority be given to improving and enhancing the part played by the courts in the review of cases, it added: "It cannot be assumed that where the judicial process may have failed to arrive at a just solution, an alternative arrange-ment can be devised which will

be certain to get it right".

Urging a more flexible use of present powers, the White Paper says: "The Home Secof refusal to intervene in a case, retary will in future be prepared to exercise his power reference more readily" a Government's response to a that the Lord Chief Justise "sees report last November by the room for the court (of appeal) to Home Affairs Committee of be more ready to exercise its MPs which argued for a new own powers to receive evidence, independent appeals review or where appropriate, as practi-

The Government will con-The MPs said that such a allow the Home Secretary to body, called for in evidence to refer doubtful summary cases

RCN votes for separate pay fight The Royal College of Nursing strikes in the National Health general secretary, said a mess-months to have talks with the yesterday voted unanimously to Service, Mr Kenneth Clarke, age was being sent to Mrs company over this issue, but go it alone in pay rounds. Its Minister for Health, had asked Margaret Thatcher seeking a without success," he said. "We ig to discuss the body's composition. The meeting heard

The college hopes the Mrs June Clark, from west Government will take note of Berkshire, said that if auxiliaries the vote and drop its proposal were covered by the review to include untrained nursing body it would cover so many give them full time jobs. The nurses are earning £28 a week, £2 more than unemploypeople and produce such a high ment benefit, but would rather pay bill that ministers would Mr Jeff Wood, of the college's have a perfect excuse to say they Association of Nursing Edu-could not afford to implement cation in the West Midlands, its recommendations.

carry on working Mr Trevor Clay, the college's

The nurses decided to press for stricter control on television advertising of over-the-counter

#### Bishops in plea to end Ford strike

yesterday urged unions and management at the troubled Ford factory in Halewood, Merseyside, to thrash out a new peace formula. Workers in the body plant are threatening to walk out if new "Japanese-style" flexible working practices are introduced.

In a joint statement, the Roman Catholic archbishop, Mgr Derek Worlock, and the Anglican bishop, Dr David Sheppard, called for immediate talks to avert the crisis. They also urged for an end to the

"smear" campaign against
Halewood workers.
They said "A prolonged
strike would be damaging to the
workforce whose solidarity is often mistaken for militancy We appeal to both parties to go to the conference table withou

delay."
"We urge them to abandon the policy of brinkmanship which does no more than prepare the way for another

dispute."
Dr Sheppard added: "It's wrong that the majority of the workforce is smeared with the word militant. We have visited trade union leaders at the factory and we do not believe the amear is justified. Ford denied that it was guilty

"brinkmanship". Mr William Broderick, area

rganiser for the Transport and General Workers Union, welcomed the church leaders' statement. "We have been struggling manfully for 18 months to have talks with the about the new working practic-

Mr Harold Musgrove, chairman of BL's Austin Rover student nurses were being forced to share jobs on half pay when they qualify because group, yesterday warned 5,000 hospitals could not afford to men on strike at his Cowley assembly plant that if today's mass meeting votes to continue the three-week old strike, a £100m investment to produce a new Angio-Japanese car could be switched from Cowley to Longbridge (Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent,

writes).

through the living lens

Science report

Clear view

By the Staff of Nature
A long-standing puzzle
about the capacity of the eye to see appears to have been solved by two French re-searchers, Mireille Delaye from the University of Peris-Sud and Annette Tardien from the Molecular Genetics Centre of CNRS, near by.

The question they have tackled is how the lens of the human eye can be more or less transparent when it is crammed with protein molecules whose capacity for scattering light would be expected to blur images of the outside world out of recog-

conundrum is that the pro-teins in the lens of the eye are transparent for much the

same reasons as is glass.

The essence of the puzzle about the transparency of the eye lens is that about a third of it by weight consists of protein, most of the remainder being water. So much can be told from the stickness of the material extruded when the lens of an animal eye is purportured.

It is now known that the principal protein in the lens belongs to one of three families known as crystallins. Delaye and Tardieu have measured the scattering of X-rays by material taken from the eye lenses of animals to show that the old explanation

of transparency, always implausible on biological plausible on biological grounds, is far from the truth. The molecules of the three types of crystallin in the lens turn out to be arranged in a more or less random fashion, but nevertheless are arranged over much shorter distance scales in a way that minimizes

local scattering by the atoms The most telling results of the experiments now described from Paris are those in which X-rays are scattered from leas material diluted with various proportions of

The X-ray scattering experiments reveal a loose correlation between the positions of groups of protein molecules extending over distances of about 500 luteratomic spacings, suggestive of the phenomenon known as short-range order According to the authors of

the measurements, the short-range order revealed by the X-ray measurements implies that the lens of the eye scatters only a fortieth as much visible light as would be scattered by a solution of independent randomly ar-

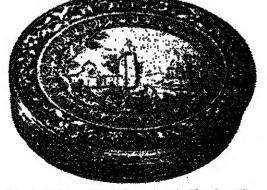
ranged molecules.
Such 2 poor performance would show every image of the outside world as 2 scene embedded in turbidity.

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That conclusion points to the underlying objective of this research, to understand cataract formation. As yet, however, there is no clear indication whether cataracts are a consequence of too little short-range order or of too much long-range order, crystallinity.

Source: Nature, March 31, 1983 (vol 302, p 415). © Nature-Times News Service, 1983.

## SALES SUCCESS



A fine 18th Century French three-coloured gold oval snuff box by Jean Ducrollay, Paris 1760. Sold in March by Phillips for £15,000.

Phillips can still accept silver and gold boxes and miscellaneous collectors' items for their sale on May 11 at 11 am.

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## Abbey to pump £100m into inner-city housing

The Abbey National Building perhaps for the first time

Society is expecting to pump £3,000m into home buying this year compared with £2,500m to lend by far the largest last year, Sir Campbell Adamation amount of money for homeson, the chairman, announced yesterday at the society's annual

Of that sum £750 will go towards new homes. It is believed to be the largest sum allocated by a society for new houses. The sum will also include £100m for inner-city housing, where Abbey believes t is most needed Sir Campbell said: "In inner-

city areas, I am not yet convinced that the full implications of Abbey National's involvement in improving housing conditions has been grasped by the business world. These areas represent a large market where finance is now,

Court told by

disc jockey of

smokescreen

Mr Noel Edmonds, the disc

jockey, told a jury yesterday that he believed his business

partner began laying a smoke-

screen after their venture began

He said that after announcing

in June, 1981, that he wanted to

break the world water speed record, his partner, Basil Wain-

wright, began to behave "irra-tionally" to mislead.

Mr Wainwright, aged 48, of Yardley Wood, Birmingham, denies 22 finance charges, including nine of theft, at Worcester Crown Court.

It is alled that Mr Wain-

By Baron Phillips, Property Correspondent

buying, its increases are only broadly in line with most societies. Woolwich Equitable commented yesterday that it too, expects to increase lending by about 20 per cent and that a quarter of all mortgages wil be for new homes.

Like many other leading societies Abbey has launched an inner-city initiative with pilo schemes in key areas to show what can be done with rundown urban housing. It is estimated that new private housebuilding will rise by 14 per cent to 160,000 in the current year. Abbey allocation to meet that is doubling from last year's £350m

## Unions renew pressure on publishing company

The biggest non-union com- and women's magazines includpany in the publishing industry ing Dandy, Beano, Topper, is agin under pressure from Rover, Annabel and My Weekly. unions trying to win recognition, but the family-run DC Dundee Courier, which with a Thomson and Co is determined circulation of more than to fight to prevent them gaining 130,000 ontsells all provincial

unionists marched around the over 15 years of age. The company's newspaper offices in company made a £7m profit last Dundee as part of the drive for year. recognition, but the management was unmoved. "We know success of DC Thomson gas our way works," a Thomson been brought at the price of spokesman said.

Description of the price of the price of poor pay and conditions be-

a foothold.

Yesterday 400 delegates from Weekly News and The Sunday the National Union of Journal readership of 70 per cent of the held in Dundee, and other trade entire population of Scotland

Union officials claim that the spokesman said.

Thomson, which is run by cause the company will not the great-grandchildren of Mr allow unions to bargain on William Thomson, a Dundee behalf of the 3,000 employees. shipowner who founded the The NUJ has about 60 memorpany more than 100 years bers, representing 20 per cent of ago, publishes dozens of comics the Thomson editorial staff.

#### Muesli craze may be here to stay

led to a boom in the sales of high fibre, bran-based breakfast cereal, according to a report published yesterday. The report, by Key Note Publications, says that the rapid

The present health craze has

growth in consumption of bran cereals and muesli is likely to continue The traditional cooked breakfast is rapidly becoming a thing of the past, particularly in urban areas, it says.

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wright obtained by heft and deception more than £40,000 from Mr Edmonds. its firemark are believed to have Andrew, made for an ancestor survived.

Andrew, made for an ancestor around 1900. It sold for £7,000 Sheryl Cuffe, aged 29, of Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, The same private collector (estimate £4,000-£5,000) Mr Wainwright's former sec-bought three other lots, spend- Graf A von Klenau, a Munich retary, denies 10 joint charges. ing a total of £4,860. They dealer.

## Record price for firemark

Sale room

yesterday when an English (estimate £300 £500).

private collector paid £2,750

The sale of firemarks and fire (estimate £1,000 £1,500) for an memorabilia made a total of the Hanoverian arms for the Royal Irish Assurance Com-

pany and dated 1823. In the early days of insurance lead or other metal marked late F Elmore Jones. The sale attached to houses recorded totalled £82,215, with the top with which company the build-prices coming among the coins ing was secured against fire. from the reign of Stephen They are keenly collected.

The Royal Irish Assurance Company was in existance for and medals, a client described only four years, from 1823 to as "a king" consigned the 1827, and only four examples of Russian Imperial Order of St

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent Phillips secured an auction included a Dublin Insurance record price for a firemark lead crest of the city at £1,000

oval lead mark stamped with £25,112, with 6 per cent unsold. Glendining an Co sold every lot in their sale of Norman and Plantagenet coins from the famous collection formed by the

In Christie's sale of orders

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(1135-1154).

**Team from** 

France in

shop thefts

A French junior rogby team has left West Yorkshire for

party, 16 juveniles and 10

A West Yorkshire police spokesman said that £200 of

goods, mainly sportswear, was taken from three shops in

"All of the property except

one jumper was recovered. No-

les-Avignon, had been invited by Shaw Cross Boys Club,

Dewsbury, and a civic reception was given by Mr Jack Wood, the Mayor.

They presented me with a picture of their town and a bag

one will be appearing in court, The group, from Villeneuve

## Fashionable slimming short cuts may be harmful, magazine says

ers, appetite suppressants and is needed about their effective- all high protein powders, are a ness and their potential health Meal substitutes receive waste of money and could even risks, it says.

Meal substitutes receive more support 151 out of 47

tional low calorie diet. -Starch blockers, which eaten with a drink, may be

reached Britain from the United States last year, have now been a diet. banned in America, according The magazine also looks at to the association's magazine two new diets which hit the Which?

They are supposed to block on the Beverley Hills diet by the edzyme which helps to Judy Mazel is Don't try it it digest starch, but the Con- will make a big hole in your sumers Association experts say Pocket and it could have a bad they do not work and if they effect on your health." But did the results would be Which? likes the F-plan diet by 'uncomfortable and un-Audrey Eyrou "because it seems occiable" balanced, healthy and easy to

The message on appetite suppressants is similar. Neither suppressants containing a bulksuppressants is similar. Neither suppressants containing a bulk which swells up in the mers, in addition to analysis by stomach nor those containing Consumers. Association nusugar really work.

Which? also advises slimmers. Only 56 of the 384 people who

Fewer young people

Fashionable short cuts to to avoid high protein powders had tried either type of appetite slimming, such as starch block- to replace meals. More evidence suppressant found it any help at

be harmful, the Consumers
Association says today.

After testing every slimming product on the British market, the association found nothing the association found nothing and some meal-substitutes, such association than a convenmore support 151 out of 475 biscuits a useful substitute fo meals. However, only 107 out of 467 were helped by stands

Psychological help may be more important than specific foods. Which? reports that two thirds of the people who joined as special chocolate bars to be worth trying at the beginning of slimming support groups thought that they provided a useful way to lose weight.

sumers three times more salt than he really needs, Professor Arnold, Bender, head of nutrition at Queen Elizabeth College London, said yesterday. Excessive consumption of salt can lead to high blood

Professor Bender said that the average daily intake in Britain was 10 grammes of salt. and some salt addicts eat 30 grammes or more a day. A dose of only 100 grammes of salt can be fatal.



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## High price for pigeon's heroism

A rare "animal VC" awarded to a Denmark. Of the 100 pigeons who pigeon named Mercury during the started the mission, only Mercury pigeon named Mercury during the Second World War sold at a Christie's auction in London yesterday for

Mercury (also shown) won the Dickin Medal, as it was originaly known, for the "most outstanding single performance" of any one pigeon on special service. She made a nonstop flight of 480 miles on July 30, 1942, carrying a secret message from a Danish resistance group in north

returned to her loft.

The medal, with documentation, was bought by an agent for Mr Louis Massarella for the Royal Pigeon Racing Association.

Mercury, a blue hen, is the most famous of 31 pigeons to have been awarded the Dickin Medal. The Army Pigeon Service discovered Mercury, bred by the late Mr James Catchpole,

Mr Harold Catchpole, his son, who sold the medal, recalled how the bird was recruited. He said: "The Army took two birds from each of 50 fanciers, including my father, and said it was for something special."

The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals at Woking, in Surrey, awarded the medal to Mercury in

Mr Catchpole, aged 62, said yesterday: "The price paid is far beyond my expectations

#### War widows rebuffed

## smoke, survey finds No state aid to visit graves

college students in the North of sealed them in unmarked envelopes.

England shows rates of regular smoking rising from 0.3 per cent of children aged 9, to 24 health warnings about smoking per cent of those aged 15 and 16.

The results, published yester day, of the survey by the Cancer Research Campaign indicate the proportion of smokers is considerably lower than similar, though less extensive, surveys conducted a few years ago.

Second World War widows to graves covered by the Commonwealth War Graves Co people who would be in-second larges group, 200,000, is volved," spokesman said. in Belgium. Parents have a strong infinvolved," spokesman said. in Belgium.

There are about 64,000 Mr Alastair Laing the deputy widows of Servicemen killed on director-general of the com-

For example, the new results ence on their children's smok For example, the new results indicate that 4 per cent of boys and 2.5 per cent of girls aged 11 and 13 smoke at least once a week. A survey in 1975 indicated that 8 per cent of boys and 5 per cent of girls smoked at those ages.

those ages.

Dr Anne Chariton, of Manwith 10 per cent with non-chester, who carried out the smoking parents. However, survey for the campaign, dismeanly half the children who tributed 20,000 anonymous though that their parents would questionnaires through primary not mind their smoking did and secondary schools and smoke, against 8 per cent of colleges of further education those whose parents disapplate last year. All pupils in a proposit.

Jailed witness to appeal

duty before 1967 when the mission, said yesterday: "Nat-Government introduced a pol- urally we welcome visitors to icy of providing facility visits to any of these places and will the graves of men who died provide any information we can after that date.

Most were widowed in the pay for relatives to visit the Second World War, and lost graves. These graves virtually

Fewer children are smoking given institution completed the A survey of 20,000 papils and forms simultaneously and to agree to a request to allow The geographical spread of different countries and terricollege students in the North of sealed them in unmarked Second World War widows to graves covered by the Com-

-If the decision to offer free travel to service graves to a relative and companion were extended to families of those killed in 1967, as Lady Jeger has suggested in a House of Lords question, the main beneficiaries would be the widows of men killed in the Second World War. But the decision would also affect relatives of the victims of campaigns in Palestine, Borneo, Kenya, Aden, Cyprus and Malaya, and a number of more

Some widows of men killed in the First World War would also be offered the chance to visit the graves, though it is thought that few would be able to stand the journey.

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## Napley onslaught on police searches

Sir David Napley, the former manner in which they are Board, said yesterday that president of the Law Society, carried out. another parliamentary Bill

A presecution witness, who he refused to give evidence was juited for two years for four times many aspects of the Bill were misguided and that he doubted denot of crime"

They take the opportunity whether the proposed legis of pursuing a roving comlation would make the slightest mission over all information difference to the general inci- confidential or otherwise on ence of crime"

which they can lay their hands.

Sir David said: The real evil

This is objectionable."

criticized, resterday what he "Anyone who has had any would be needed to get anything described as the "real evil" of experience of a police search like the balance of power bolice searches in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

Addressing the council of the Newspaper Society, he said that material which is directly commission on Criminal Procedure, of which he had been inquiries. Tape-recording of evidence

and an independent prosecuting system were proposed by the commission to balance extra powers recommended for the police, but Sir Cyril said that Sir David said: "The real evil I has is objectionable."

they did not form part of the of the clauses in the Bill is that

Sir Cyril Philips, chair-present Bill, which sought a of police searches and the man of the Police Complaints different kind of balance.

## **Falklands** 'settlers'

Would-be settlers in the Falk-lands, tempted by offers of 100-acre plots at £1,500 each, are unlikely to be able to make a living. Mr Ted Fellows, the deputy editor of Farmers Weekly,

people in Britain have been taken with the idea of buying plots either from the Palklan Islands Company or from Mr Harry Camm, a Chesterfield

But after visiting the islands Mr Fellows concludes tha unimproved land can suppor only about one sheep to ever five acres
Topsoil and the hard clay
subsoil are separated by an

iron pan which would need to be broken up with deep cultivation equipment to grow root crops, he says.

Although the Armed Forces

represent a substantial potential market for horticultural produce, their bayers will not commit themselves without an adequate marketing infrastuc-

able protection for crops against the wind would be prohibitive, even if markets could be found, Mr Fellows

"Quite apart from the lack of commercial potential offered by these diminutive plots, there remains the difficulty of coping with the harsk winter con ditions, for which the Falkland kin, president of the Pugwash fell land at Islands are famous, and with conference and the Rt Rev Dunnerdale in the need to be almost entirely Hugh Motefiore, Bishop of national park.

#### Warning to Non-nuclear defence plan sought

"non-provocative" policy for Europe was issued yesteday by a new organization called Just Defence. The organization, formed by

a group of eminent scientists, prelates and military officers aims to provide a forum rather than a simple policy for finding a way out of what it calls the 'sterile polarization" of the defence and disarmament debate, in which unilateralism is lined up against multilateralism.

It argues that Britain and Europe should adopt policies which are clearly perceived as non-aggressive by the Soviet Union, using new technologies to provide purely defensive forces in Europe, with no land-based nuclear weapons The threat of nuclear black-

mail would be counteracted by the continuing presence of the strategic nuclear arsenals of the Soviet Union and the United States, the group argues; but the reduced by removing the policy of flexible response.
Founded by Mr Stan
Windass, director of the Foun-

dation for Alternatives, with Professor Frank Barnaby, the former director of the Stockholm International Peace Re search Institute, the group's advisory council includes General Sir Hugh Beach, a former head of procurement for the Army, Pofessor Dorothy Hodg-kin, president of the Pugwash

#### of prunes from the area. I would put this escapade down to high spirits," Mr Wood said. Driving ban on rugby forward

Richard Moriarty, the Welsh international rugby forward, was fined a total of £120 yesterday for driving offences and disqualified from driving for 18 months.

Moriarty, aged 25 and unemployed, of Neath Road, Plasmari, Swansea, pleaded guilty before city magistrates to a drink-driving charge, taking a car without the owner's consent, and twice driving without a licence and insurance, the second time whem taking documents to a police station. He was given an absolute discharge on both insurance offences.

#### £370,000 award to widow-

Agreed damages of £372,862 were awarded in the High Court in London yesterday to Mrs Margaret Dobbins, whose husband, an engineer, died in a helicopter crash while working in the Arabian Gulf.

Mrs Dobbins, aged 50, of Milford Hill Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire, was awarded the damages, with costs, against Textron incorporated, of Texas, manufacturers of a Bell 212 helicopter which fell into the sea off Abu Dhabi in 1978, killing

#### Killer drowns

A man who died afer jumping into the sea at Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, during a gale on Monday, was identified yesterday as Robert Thornton Sensil asset 53 miles were Small, aged 53, who was released from prison last month after serving 12 years of a life

#### Forest go-ahead

Countryside The mission has withdrawn its objections to the Forestry Commission plan to plant a coniferous forest on 370 acres of conference and the Rt Rev Dunnerdale in the Lake District

## War declared on the 'nasties'

One of the strongest measures so far taken to the trade in video mantes was announced vesteriar, with the introduction of religiously classification code backed up by the registration of video dealers.

refessed to give eridence, had been freed on half at the Chunt of Session in Edinburgh,

aged 32, of 18 Newark Drive, Wishaw, Lanarkildre, was jailed on March 18 at

Hamilton Sheriff Court after

pending an appeal against t

Under the scheme, hitro-duced by the British Videogram Association (BVA), retailers who fail to register by next September will be forced out of business by having legitimate supplies of cassettes and discs withheld. Any member of the BVA, representing 50 member companies, who continues to Supply unregistered dealers will be expelled.

The Government has expressed its preference for

The BVA's definition of a video "nasty" is: "a phrase coined by the press that generally refers to material that can include disembowelling, castration, cannibalism, and hamiliation"

voluntary measures, but if they fail legislation will be intro-

legislation was wanted by very few and "would be fraught with undesirable side-effects"

Mr Isia Muspratt, BVA vicechairman, said that retailers who chose to stay outside the scheme would have "no business, no future". He agreed that the scheme constituted a testicotive trade practice, but added: We do not expect that to be a

Classification will start at drawn.

once. A videogram standards

Mr Norman Abbott, chief A press conference in London council, under a chairman to be executive of the BVA, said that A press conference in London named shortly, will be formed he had sat on the working party was told that the weekly named shortly, will be formed he had sat on the working party was told that the weekly named shortly, will be formed he had sat on the working party. Classification will start at drawn. from representatives of video- established to examine a tode gram publishers, wholesalers for the industry.
retailers, and four people "I am trying
unconnected with the industry. from my memor

will tally with those used for stunned see."

A recent survey had indicated the circums films. They will be her Museum called the that 2 per cent of people who displayed in every shop and material depending muck. Most marked clearly on every case of the designand many parents settle. That is expected to had saled for the scheme, he remove any confinion over said.

Caregories will appear in covered the traditional horror content of the cassette of disc. circles, which show finingation film.



Mr MacLean with the new symbols: U, for all; PG, duced.

Mr Donald MacLean, chairman of the BVA, said that

barred to children; Uc, children's film, no certificate.

The intention, the BVA says, by age, and in trangles, denoting is to provide the public with the an advisory category. One

Asked by a questioner who identified himself as the "video nasty sorrespondern" of Video Viewer to choose their least favourite scenes from "nasties",

means of making an informed category, not used for cinema choice about programme confilms, will indicate videograms tent and to isolate the video that are considered particularly marries?

Shops will not be allowed to play scenes from videograms in the limited categories in any part of the shop to which BVA officials refused to be are trailers classified "U" or

retainers; and four people "I am trying to obliterate than seven million. Three unconnected with the industry. from my memory the terrible quarters of those rented an Because consistence is regard—things we were subjected to", he average of one preseconded ed as important the categories said. "Some of the films castelle a week." home video products was more

#### Luxury image for stations

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

Luxury restaurants and shop ping centres will be built in London's main line stations to make them attractive social centres on continental lines, Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Transport, predicted yesterday.

As part of its general plan to bring private capital into public industry, the Government is giving maximum encourageretailers, and property devel-opers into station development to help dispel the image of places of "dust, dirt, cigarette ends, and cold waiting rooms". Already five stations, Euston,

Blackfriars, Holborn, Cannon Street and London Bridge, have been developed. Another five, Liverpool Street, Broad Street Fenchurch Street, Victoria Waterloo and King's Cross were in the pipeline with more ambitious ideas, Mr Howell indicated. Two more, Paddington and St Pancras, would follow.

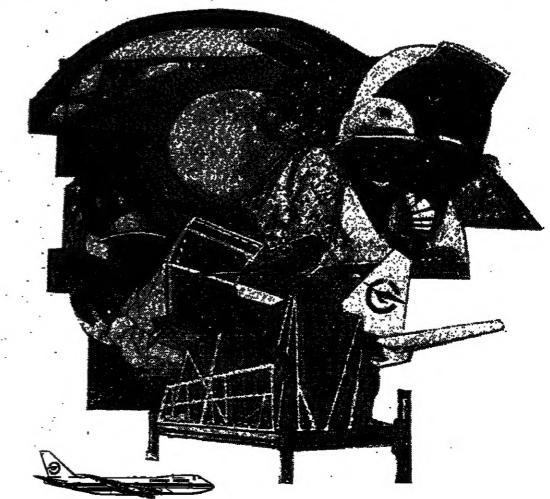
At Waterloo, where he had an early morning walkabout among uncomplaining commuters, a choice of sites was beign offered to private restauranteurs to provide a luxury restaurant of the kind that made Paris stations attract people rather than drive them out There were also plans for a mezzanine shopping centre over the platforms and concourse.

#### 'Cocktail' boy in hospital

Richard McBride, aged nine was in hospital nursing a hangover yesterday after a drinking spree with four young

The boy, from The Horse shoe, Godalming, Surrey, had consumed a "cocktail" of sherry, cooking oil, tomato-ketchup, gaiden plant food and Carlsburg special brew. The police found him staggering about and obviously

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#### MIDDLE EAST

proposals of President Reagan as to these twin obstacles to peace in the starting point, Mr Francis Pym, the Middle East?

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, declared in on both these issues were discussed the Commons. These proposals, he added, constituted an opportunity which would not recur and therefore It is essential (he went on) that

Likewise, it remains essential that mon all foreign forces should withdraw quickly from Lebanon and that the unacceptable settlement programme on the West Bank should be halted.

rest on the principles set out in the Venice Declaration. We are encourclose touch with them. The role of the United States Government, both in the Lebanon talks and in the

He added that the assassination of Mr Issam Sartawi, PLO moderate, at the Socialist Inter-Mr David Watkins (Consett, Lab):

and the West Bank, both of which If peace negotiations over the are in direct contravention to the Middle East were to begin there was Reagan initiative. What efforts is no practical alternative to the the Government making in regard

on both these issues were discussed at length at the Arab League delegation and have been touched on in all recent discussions. the forces of moderation, not least n the PLO, carry the day. It is the releasing themselves who stand lisrael to meet the Israelis? Mr Pym: I have no plans at the

> Mir Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman of foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Leeds, East, Lab): I agree with the Foreign Secretary that the Reagan proposals still represent the best framework fore a way foreign but would be not for a way forward, but would be not on these proposals?
>
> President Reagan has failed to influence the Israeli government either to withdraw troops from the

Lebanon or freeze the settlements on the West Bank which has been turned into a fortress. We hear of the Israeli government's plan to build 57 more settlements on the Does the government's approach



to the Reagan initiative seek to

from these courses? Mr Pym: Throughout the whole of this dispute, ever since President

Reagan's plan was proposed, we have been urging with all strength, at presidential, secretary of state and all levels, that the United States use their influence to cause a change of approach to be brought about by Israel, - It is regretable that their influence has not brought a withdrawal of all forces from the Lebanon which King Hussin and other Arab leaders regard as a prerequisite before negotiations can

flexibility on the part of Israel and the PLO, because blame does not lie place. We have made the The assassination of Mr Sarrawi was fore in the PLO and more action is taking place on the West Bank. Can he bring this in the stronges possible terms to the attention o

Mr Pym: That murder was deplorable and it is regarded so by everybody. I am not sure it is true to forward. Certainly there is a rethat and this is a bad example.



There are divisions within the strate of the large the large proposed, we been urging with all strength.

There are divisions within the PLO which make negotiations extremely difficult. It should be regretted that the PLO could not come to an agreement with King Husain because that would have been a helpful aspect to progress in

Mr Dennis Walters (Westbury, C): The comment by General Eitan on the proposed settlements on the West Bank was in blatant disregard of international opinion. Was not that the reason for the breakdown in Mr Pym: A number of people or

both sides do make rather rash comments which are unhelpful. The comment on the proposal to increase by 57 the number of settlements on the West Bank, at the time it was made and in the circumstan It is the British Government's

view that these settlements are illegal and contrary to the Reagan plan and the sooner this is reversed

#### Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Finance Bill, second reading. Lords (3): British Shipbuilders Bill, report. Debate on

## Ezra on choosing state industry chairmen society carried its own seeds of Government - and the many destruction. To those who hooked to an laternative and more hopeful defined and which made sense.

#### HOUSE OF LORDS

In paying a ridiculous fee for the services of Mr Ian MacGregor the Government had established a dangerous precedent, Lord Taylor of Gryfe (SDP) said when he opened a lebate on the problems besetting nd the nationalized industries. He said it might have to pay similar fees which it hoped to attract top

Labour regarded state industries as essentially virtuous while the Conservatives saw them as an evil which must be liquidated as quickly as possible, irrespective of whether best interests of the nation.

Would the shadow of the threats from both sides encourage manage-ment to make the long-term plans and investment decisions that were ential and attract the first class

industries were to succeed?

The trouble (he said) is that we are caught up in a debate about ownership when we should be discussing efficiency. The first requirement for efficiency is to get your structure right so that we may recruit the best people to manage the industries and then permit them

to manage.
Lord Beswick, for the Opposition, said it was possible to have a friendly and constructive relationship with a sponsoring department but the Treasury was a different thing. Wholly admirable and conscientious characters as they were, collectively he did not think they were now fitted for the role of financiers to commercial enterprises financiers to commercial enterprises

finance need not, and must not, slacken financial discipline but they could mean a profound pyscholigical improvement which in turn could yield significant ecnomic

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in select

No amount of structural change would avail unless the spirit which breathed through that structure was right. The self-interested or selfish

future public or social ownership would have a part to play.

Lord Orr-Ewing (C) said he could not go along with the proposal that financing requirements of nationa-lized industries should be excluded from the public sector borrowing

industries in write-offs and capital grants since 1945 had £40,00m. No one had yet solved the problem of how to stop a monoply power backed by the taxpayers from plunging the private Lord Harris of High Cross (Ind) nationalized sector was about £25,000m, less than its total payroll. Yet over that period the average prices of those industries products

rose 25 per cent faster than the general price index. Lord Ezra (L), former chairman of the National Coal Board, said he had been in a nationalized industry for 35 years. After 35 years (he went on) we are no nearer a solution of this problem. One would have thought that a society such as ours could at least over that timescale

ownership.

If one wanted to criticize, say, the
coal industry it was no good
comparing it with a multiple store.
What one had to compare it with
were other coal industries in western Europe in like situations. The suffered from similar problems, The publicly-owned enterprises generally happened to be in the

basic sectors, at the heavy end of the industrial economy. Everyone who had studied the subject knew that there was a structural change going on and how to face up to it.

As chairman of the NCB he had been the target of attack by ministers either for putting prices up by too much or by not enough.

They had to work out structure. They had to work out ground rules for the owners of nationalized

Attention should be drawn to the newhat quixotic manner in which chairmen and members of boards were appointed. They ought to try to devise a better system for doing this, and he suggested setting up a group of connent personalities who could make recommendations of the sort of people who should be appointed to these jobs.

ly leaked. It was not a rational way of operating in respect of those who were meant to lead these important There were certain sectors which

were likely to remain publicly owned. Could it not be agreed that



like a multiple store.

some continuity of policy and an attempt to try to right some of the things that had gone wrong over the rost 35 week? past 35 years? past 13 years.

Here was an issue which went
way beyond party barriers - an issue
which related to the success of the
industrial economy. The aim should
be to make sure these sectors should be run as efficiently as possible and enable them to do so by the way in which the Government dealt with

Fowler calls on Labour to

publicly-owned sector of industry was being reduced on a significant Government at the next election

Through its programme of privatization the Government had reduced the burden of the public sector on the rest of the economy. It proceeds from sales of assets, which reduced the public expenditure planning total, and through the removal of any future borrowing requements from the PSBR.

By the end of 1982-83 the programme of special asset sales would gave brought in receipts of about £2,000m and at least a further £2.500m was expected over the next three years. All these receipts directly reduced the PSBR with all that implied for inflation, taxes, interest rates and employment.

The Government's drive for of private finance. The public monopolies" could not be allowed

Government's policy to foster competition in the industries is, energy supply, trans

Exposing the industries to the full vigour of competitive pressures in the market place was vital to the economic resurgence of Britain Industries containing one-tenth o productive capacity could not be left to be feather-bedded either by monopoly powers or by knowledge that the public purse was always open to them. The Government was

#### Joint decision rather than need for veto

#### **NUCLEAR DEBATE**

airs, said in the Commons during exchanges in which Mr Frank Allam (Salford, West, Lab) asked if the Government intended to press for power to veto cruise launchings. Mr Pym explained that the question of a veto did not arise because these weapons could only be used on the basis of joint decision. There was no

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs (Leeds, East, Lab): Will be not accept the view of Field Marshall Lord Carver that there is no military case for the deployment of these veapons and accept the growing vidence that their actual deployment would be immensely damag-ing to public support for Nato in all

proposals and ally himself with the great majority of people on both sides of the Atlantic who would

Mr Pymm: I totally reject what he says. The last Labour Government was a party to considering and agreeing that the question of to conclusion by this Government, I am certain that the absence of modernized intermediate nuclear deterrent strategy.

We have meeting against us a strongly increasing number of SS20s and other weapons, and unless we modernize our own weapons - our present ones are ageing and out-of-date - there will be a gap in our

The whole basis of our defence policy is to deter war and preserve peace. We cannot afford in Nato to have any gap in that shield and that is why we are proceeding with these modernizations unless the Soviet Union are prepared to negotiate the

Mr Healey: The word "moderniza-tion" applied to these weapons is totally mistaken because there have been any intermediate land based missiles since Thor and Jupiter were withdrawn after the Russians had began deploying their SS4 and 5 missiles. To pretend that

## that Mr Healey had changed his

included intermediate weapons would leave a gap one time been different from what it in the West's deterrent strategy, Mr Francis Pym, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Afficiers, said in the Commons during The Russians were accused by Mr Pyra, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affon intermediate range nuclear forces. Progress in the fourth round of the negotiations, which ended on March 28, was disappointing, he

Nato's full support, took the important step of offering to negotiate an interim agreement which would provide equal limits on the missile warheads of the United States and the Soviet Union. By definition an interim agree-ment is far short of the complete elimination of a whole system of

of Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (New part in the negotiations. Is it not hury. Cl: Can be give any account of the Russian response to Ambassa-dor Nitze's proposal? Is Mr Pym saying the balance will be struck now between getting a balanced reduction in nuclear warheads rather than total number of missiles

Mr Pyn: The proposal tabled at the end of the last round has not yet been dealt with in detail at the negotiating table because there is a break between that round and the next one. But we have had an immediate, or almost immediate, and apparently total rejection of the proposal by the Russians. Their minister held another press conference, his third. It lasted a long time and seemed to be totally negative.

So whether we like it or not, the position taken by the Soviet Union is a negative one, extraordinarily unhelpful. We have been rightly pressed by all parts of the House to be as forthcoming and positive as we can on arms control proposals. And we have met those requests in

conjunction with our allies. It is regrettable that we are receiving the

Russians had began deploying their SS4 and 5 missiles. To pretend that cruise is modernizing the short launch battlefield nuclear weapons being withdrawn by Nato is dishonest in the extreme.

Mr Pym: That is not the proposal at all. What we are facing is an escalating number of SS20s, if we had not taken the decision to modernize we would have been exposed in that area.

Mr Pym said during later exchanges regrettable that we are receiving the response that we are:

Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab): Is Mr Pym talking about the totality of nuclear weapons held by Nato countries as against that held by the Warsaw Pact?

Mr Pym: We want equality on both sides, a balance, verifiable on both sides. That is the best way to get the security to which both sides are entitled.

who worked so hard to get the task force ready on time.

### **EEC** commitment to solve budget problem by June

#### EEC BUDGET

European Commission, at the European Parliament on Tuesday made clear that the Commission had no intention of taking part in negotiations for Britain's budget refund were answered by Mr Francis Pym, the Foreign Secretary. He confirmed that it was the wish of the EEC Council of Foreign Mimisters that the issue should be resolved at the June Council meeting.

obstructionist, and seem to have decided that they would try to appeal over the heads of the negotiators to public opinion in Western Europe.

They decided that they would try to appeal over the heads of the negotiators to public opinion in linited with the listed with They flatly refused to negotiate at the June meeting.

on the basis of the zero option. As a consequence of this, at the end of the round Ambassador Nizze, with lation?

the Council. We shall see how things develop. It was the clear intention, which was missing before, to resolve the budget question. I hope that it will be so, as the summit decided. Mr Eric Heffer, Opposition spokesman on European and Community affairs: At the European Assembly missiles which the alliance wants to see, but it is the next best alternative.

affairs: At the European Assembly yesterday (Tuesday) Commissioner Thorn made clear that the for a June settlement have been

This underlines what MPs on all sides of this House have been saying, that the European Assembly s becoming a Parliament and flexing its muscles, taking decisions and putting Parliaments like this one into an impossible position. Mr Pym: I have not seen the text of President Thorn's speech but having been at the Council I know what was decided. The Commission acts in accordance with those decisions so I have every reason to be satisfied

carried out. Mr Pvm was later asked by Mr Edward Taylor (Southend, East, C) to restate his objectives for EEC reforms in 1983 in the light of Council of Ministers meetings on March 21 and 22.

Mr Pym said: We have put forward proposals for developing European Community policy over the whole range of its activities. These include proposals for extending the internal of the next Parliament? market in goods and services, for Mr Pym: I think he reform of the operation of the election loser there.

commons questions on the nego-lations for the entry into the community of Spain and Portugal.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) asked: What is the Govern-ment's response to the Spanish

ment's response to the Spanish protests about the Invincible going to Gibraltar?

Gibraltar's border

It was inconceivable that Spain ships participating in exercise should join the European Community while restrictions remained to ordinary traffic between Spain and Gibraltar, Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during the Spanish Government and Gibraltar.

Mr Hurd: We have made clear to the Spanish foreign min the Spanish that it is normal for he came here last month.

building on the agreed framework for an energy strategy, for a lasting solution to the Community's budget problem and for extending the regional and social policies. Our objectives have not changed as a result of the most recent meeting of the European Council,

though progress was made toward Mr Taylor. Will he explain the position about the issue of rebates, which is vital for Britain, as without

it we shall have to pay £1,500m or £5m a day. Is it not serious if the Council of Ministers agree that we should get a rebate fixed in June and the Commission is not in any way bound by the recommendations or he do if we do not get the rebate?

£568m for 1982 with more to come. The European Council agreed that United Kingdom refunds would be the problem by June. I believe that will be adhered to, as an interimsolution, until a permament one can

Mr Pym: Last month we received

Mr Renald Leighton (Newham, North-East, Lab): We are as far as ever from a permanent solution.
During our membership wwe have handed over £4,000m, showing that

Why, in equity, should we make any combibution at all and why should we not be a net beneficiary. as most other nations are? Mr Pym: If it were not for the rebates we have been receiving in recent years would not have been received at all, if we had left the

situation we inherited from the Labour Government I do not agree that we are further away than ever from a lasting solution, precisely because there is a decision in the European Council to

Mr Heffer: Will be take consideration the commitment of

people the effect that these childish

to have on Gibraltar?

## committees TELEVISION Mr Austin Mitchell (Grimsby, Lab) was given leave by 153 votes to 138 to bring in a Bill to allow select committees of both House of

Parliament to be televised. The Bill Mr Mitchell said his Bill would strengthen the select committees, enabling them to reach the public

directly, and would allow Parlia-

neut to conduct an experiment with

elevision to remove unjustified lears about it and show the benefits nterrogation and inquiry should be eft to whippersnappers on tele-rision, or amateurs like Sir Robin Day. The House would inevitably



Robin Day.

televised at some date in the future, and this could be seen as the first step towards that greater goal, although this measure only applied to select committees. Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab),

Penlee lifeboat inquiry or inside the courts, because Britain had the sense to realize that witnesses could be inhibited by having a camera there and it could be more difficult to extract information from them. ome witnesses like Mr Ken committees were not for gaining

#### Water authority Bill instruction Lord Aberdare, chairman of committees, promised in the Lords to arrange for a select committee to consider an instruction successfully

moved by Lord Beaumont of Whitley (L) in connexion with the Severn-Trent Water Authority Bill: The instruction was that special attention should be paid to the authority's feasibility report summary and to the consultants' report on the assessment of agricultural benefits and costs of the Soar Valley

## cost their pensions plan

#### SOCIAL SECURITY

social security and housing benefits, introduced by the last Labour government, should be got rid of, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said when he moved the second reading of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Bill to change the uprating method to the historic or actual

Mr rower said the so-cance forecast method had been used since 1976. An estimate was made, usually at Budget time, of what the inflation rate was going to be in the following November. But this had been shown to be inexact. In the last seven wears the forecast had been

The last Labour government made the change to the forecast method merely to save money Under this Bill the uprating would be based on the actual inflation rate between May 1982

would be based on the actual spokesman on social security, moved an Opposition amendment declining a second reading of the Bill which, through a technical adjustment would fail to company

that I (he said) if we could reduce further the time between the making

12 point plan for pensioners at the time of a pensioners' delegation to the House. On March 29 they

This strange omission was noticed by *The Times* who seemed to have some difficulty in finding an official Opposition spokesman to explain. It was left to Mr Jeffrey Rooker to explain that Labour's

Mr Fowler said the so-called

seven years the forecast had been wrong five times.

available in mid-June, was that it was the last date which would enable the department to carry out the work of uprating and easure that

of the annual uprating statement and the uprating itself. No-one wanted a wide time gap, least of all pensioners who often, understan-The new arrangements would be an improvement in that the time lag would be reduced to six months

Under the new method, the Government was leaving no gaps at all. Any increase in inflation taking

the House. On March 29 they lauched their plan New Hope For Britain which included an emergency programme of action which an incoming Labour Government would carry out immediately. The 12 point plan for pensioners was not mentioned at all.

tommitment to the pensioners was so strong it went without saying, and that was why it has not been

According to The Times, Mr Peter Shore was costing the proposals at £500m but Mr Foot was costing them at £3 billion. He (Mr Fowler) thought it would be

wing.
Why did the pension plan

promise the restitution of earnings link but the other document say that The pension plan promised free TV licences for pensioners but the other document said the charge would be phased out during the lifetime of the Labour Government.

There was a certain amount of explaining required from the Opposition. The best way to settle it would be for the Opposition to set out their proposals and costings and ublish them.
The Government did not intend

to make promises that could not be kept, but did intend to safeguard the livin standards of pensioners and others on social security benifits. The Government stood on its Mr Brynner John, chief Opposition

sate social security beneficiaries by the full amount of infiation at the November uprating, thus imposing a hidden penalty on the lowest He said the Secretary of State was Doe Fowler, the itinerant medicine man with products caring everything from dandruff to diarrhoes. Not for him doubts, nor any room

for an opinion other than his own. The criticism of Mr Fowler was not that there were no weaknesses in the forecast method. The Opposition recognized that there were. The criticism was that Mr Fowler

4 per cent upraing and 6 per cent inflation when they later became employed. They could never be compensated for the gap. He preferred a forecast method but conceded that it was not without method of treating not only 10m.

categoric assurance today trat the June announcement would be implemented in November. If he failed to meet that date it would be cruel. A longish gap between forecast and implementation was no Mr Fowler intervened to say that the difficulty was the weekly payments system which most

long as that was so, what Mr John wanted was not possible. Mr John said that once that gap was The May inflation figure was likely to be 4 per cent, likely to be the lowest for this year and many

ments system which most sioners appeared to want and so

using the lowest month, they believed they could save £500m by a disguised, and they hoped, unob-served clawback of 2 per cent of the 2.7 per cent they had overpaid last The Bill could result in a marrie

have had to uprate by 6 per cent. By

couple losing between 80p and £1.05 a week and a single person between 50p and 65p a week. The only consolation in the whole of this operation (he said) is that the reverse Robin Hoods who are clobbering the poor at the behest of Maid Margaret, have been found

out.

While he preferred the forecast method, he would not go to the stake for it. There was no need for the Opposition to vote against the Bill if the Government were to give an undertaking that if it turned out an undertaking that if it turned out that inflation in November was ensure that social security benefici-aries did not lose out by the change? If they gave that undertaking. Labour would not divide the House.

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said) — an attempt to smuggle the through a cut in the standard of living of the poorest in the land. That will outrage everyone. These Opposition has to record in revulsion at such devices trickery. Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham Edghaston, C) said the present system of forecast was a dud. If had proved wrong five times out of seven and was getting worse. No

the way pensioners were manoeuvred for political reasons into setting into buses and coming to the House of Commons by left wing people seeking political advantage. She had received complaints of pensioners being offered £15 and a free day in Lab) said the Bill was a shabby method of treating not only 10m pensioners but millions of other beneficiaries who were now going to get in November an increase which

get in November an increase which would be significantly lower than they would have done if the forecasting method had been carried If the uprating was to be based on the May figures, pensioners could get an increase of 2 per cent less than the inflation rate. It could be as much as 3½ per cent less in the mounth when they got their increase.

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Cunard debate plea rejected

Mr Donald Dixon, (Jarrow, Lab) ralklands and many of the dead unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on the placing of a contract for the reconversion of the liner Cunard Countess in a shipyard outside Britain. He said that the liner had just taken relatives of the

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## Seat belts saving lives and cutting injuries, police computers show

throughout Britain.

seat belt law came into force, statistics is that few counties ham. University's accident are helping to confirm, in many appear to collate their road research unit described the new cases, the most optimistic accident material in the same predictions of doctors and road way.

An investigation this week by of car and light goods vehicle drivers and front seat passenhave fallen by up to half in some counties, compared with figures for the same month in

West Midlands, for The Royal Society for the there were four Prevention of Ascidents said In the West Midlands, for deaths, 90 serious injuries and 252 slight injuries among car drivers and front seat passen-gers in February, 1982. In contrast there were two deaths, 68 serious and 227 slight injuries this February.

The number of accidents

causing damage only rose from 1,392 to 1,842 this February. North Yorkshire road safety officials have gathered the most detailed statistics for all road

users affected by the new law, Casualties fell from 148 to 89 and serious injuries were down dropped from 199 to 168 during the first six weeks of the new law. In Suffolk the death and injury rate dropped from 99 to but, more significantly,

serious injuries were more than halved from 39 to 17.

The first real proof that seat passengers none of whom our point to those people who compulsory wearing of seat was wearing a seat belt, died on believe the compulsory wearing belts is saving lives and Avon and Somerset's roads in of seat belts is an infringement substantially reducing serious February, 1982. This year that of personal liberty. I do not road injuries is beginning to toll among the same group was think saving people's lives can emerge from police computers halved.

Accident casualty figures ed such remarkable falls. One of woman said-collated for February, when the the difficulties of comparing Dr Steve A

safety departments are treating been coming out of hospital the new figures with caution casualty departments recently. The Times into the injury and the new figures with caution death rate for the crucial group and emphasizing that firm of car and light goods vehicle conclusions should not be drawn, from comparing one than one month before we say gers during Pebruary has dismonth's statistics, especially closed that serious road injuries wheat road and weather conwhen road and weather conditions in February, 1982, were markedly worse than this year. officials are heartened by the

yesterday the new figures were absolutely marvellous.

"It is exactly what we said would happen. It totally proves



Injuries of this kind

Farmers claim over drainage loss

From Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent, Blackford

Farmers are to claim annual set county secretary of the his grazing land was sometimes compensation of up to £100 an National Farmers' Union, said under water.

acre for not draining and the union would seek compen-

Not all counties have record- of personal liberty", a spokes

Dr Steve Astron, of Birmingcasualty statistics as encourage While police forces and road firming all the evidence that has

> We would like to want a little longer and compare more belts is, but there does appear to

- He claimed that the February figures, encouraging as they are fail to reflect all the benefits of the new law, because the police definition of "serious" injury is so wide. "We would expect to see a lot of changes in the kind

sponsored by the Department of Health and Social Security and led by Mr William Rutherford head of the accident and emergency department at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, is examining the changing pattern of road injuries after the introduction of the seat belt law.

"The consultants whom wi meet are suggesting there is a member of the investigating

president of the union, said that

## Walking again after 14 years

Mrs Jan Burgess from Swansea, demon-strating in London yesterday how an electronic power pack that triggers muscles into action has helped her to walk again

The device was developed by Dr Hugh Grenfell, a former chief research engineer with the Steel Company of Wales, who produces high technology for the disabled.

Similar work is being done in the United Harris).

States but Dr Grenfell's system aviods the use of computer and a mass of wiring. Mrs Burgess began using the equipment last year. Because her muscles had wasted away she was at first only able to raise and lower her legs. However, she has been walking since February.

"There is now a real chance I will be able to climb steps and enter buildings" she said vesterday "instead of relying on people to lift me everywhere" (Photograph: Brian

## New plastics may be used to make reusable car tyres

From Pearce Wright, Science Editor, Lancaster

Experiments with a new erials, copolymers, that may transform the manufacture of car tyres among other items, were described at a Royal Society of Chemistry conference at Lancaster University.

There is intense competition between several research groups in Europe and the United States to perfect this family of substances. The level of work was indicated yesterday by Dr David Richards, of the Ministry of Defence's Propellants Explosives Rocketry and Materials Research Establishment in Es-

He described the advances in organic chemisty that have opened the way for a new generation of plastics that use less energy to produce, are stronger than their predecessors,

He outlined the reseach at a meeting on copolymers, plasics made from a combination of molecules. They form the bulk of industrial and heavy duty

The group that Dr Richards focused on is derived from butadiene, a material that is now used for some car tyres and for products such as briefcases

Modifications to make a new generation of synthetic mat- generation appear to be simple because the molecules are altered by sticking an extra bit on the end. That changes the chemical and physical proper-ties of the plastic, giving it "polar" end. The process is comparable with that by which a small chemical group is added to molescules from which detergents are made to render them more soluble.

generation of copolymers is to make the polymer more stable at high temperatures, in particular at the high running temperature of the tyre of a car travelling at more than 30 mph.

One drawback of present temperatures they pass through the "glass transition" boundary, lose their rubber-like qualities, and become distorted just as simple plastics do.

The new family of polymers can be moulded into shape and can be melted down and reused.

vulcanizing needed to introduce rigidity into the material of present day car tyres means that an old tyre cannot be easily reused; hence the environmental problem of old car tyres.

#### 'Economist' uses satellite for US printing

smitted by satellite for printing in New England, US.

It is the first time that a European publication has used the transatiantic satellite, Intelsat V, on such a large scale for transmitting data for printing. The method will revolutionize the American operation of the British weekly and is expected to give it a marketing edge in the US as it attempts to compete, albeit modestly, with the mass-circulation Newsweek and Time. It is an important market for the British maga-zine, which sells about 40 per cent of its 2,480,000 copies in

North America. The pages will be set using rideo display terminals in north ondon where a photographic master is made of the copy. The master is scanned by a laser and the copy and pictures converted

A landmark in the history of into electronic pulses. These the European printing industry pulses, called digital signals, are will be reached today when then transmitted to an earth pages of the American edition station satellite aerial in Madof The Economist are tranbeamed across the Atlantic via the satellite to Etam, Virginia.

Once in America the signals go by cable to Manhattan, New York, where the signals are converted back into pages and pictures onto a negative film. It is that film which is used as the master for printing the publication in Connecticut.

It will take about an hour to transmit the colour cover. Inside pages will take seven to eight hours.

The electronic transmission and printing are a marked contrast to the method previously employed for the American edition when film for the editorial cover was produced on a Wednesday night in London and flown to New York by Concorde on Thursday

#### ploughing high grade farmland sation for members who were on the Somerset Levels. The restrained from draining be-whole 2500 acres have been cause they farmed on the bird it would support any appeal which Mr Duckett made against declared an official site of refuge at West Sedgemoor on the order. His drainage scheme special scientific interest which the levels. Further north, a government the ministry of Agriculture. order had prevented Mr Chris- But the Department of the cnables farmers to claim state after being paralysed from the waist downompensation for lost profit. for 14 years.

Most of the land on the levels of the most of the land on the levels of the land on the levels of the land on the levels of the sound by private farmers and drainage equipment on 70 acres advice from the nature Conserhad been the centre of a long dispute with naturalists about although it has not yet been seventy per cent of the ditches the operation of wildlife protection law.

Mr Anthony Gibson, Somer-

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Grants for example. The total capital avail-

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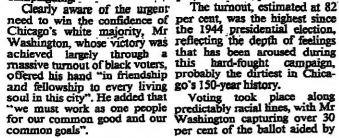
#### Black vote wins Chicago

# Mayor tries to heal racial rift

ringing in his ears, Mr Harold emerged that Mr Washington, in record numbers Mr Epton Washington, who was narrowly twice elected to Congress who wom most of the white ethnic elected the first black Mayor of will be 61 on Friday, had votes, even among those who captured about 52 per cent of traditionally vote Democrat.

However, Mr Epton permitted the city which had second the city will Mr Republican formed less wall then he had

need to win the confidence of Chicago's white majority, Mr the 1944 presidential election, Washington, whose victory was reflecting the depth of feelings achieved largely through a that has been aroused during massive turnout of black voters, offered his hand "in friendship and followship to succeed living the direct in Chicaand fellowship to every living go's 150-year history. soul in this city". He added that Voting took plan





Triumph: Mr Washington announcing his victory in the mayoral election.

French pack

their bags

in Moscow

From Richard Owen

Moscow

are about to retaliate against French diplomats in Moscow

rose yesterday as the Soviet press stepped up its criticism of the expulsion of Soviet officials from Paris last week.

French diplomats said they

France expelled 47 Soviet

cannot respond in kind, but is

expected to react by expelling a

in Paris represent a tenth of the

total Soviet representation in

normally took the Soviet authorities several weeks to

retaliate, but in recent cases Moscow has reacted more

Last Friday, a week after

Britain had expelled two Soviet

diplomats and a Soviet journal-ist, Moscow ordered Squadron

Leader David Williams, the

British assistant air attache, and

Mr Anthony Robinson, the

Moscow correspondent of the

Financial Times, to leave the

to arrive at Heathrow on a

British Airways flight today. Mr

Robinson, one of the most widely respected foreign corre-

spondents in Moscow, said

before leaving that he hoped to

Pravda yesterday signalled that the "tit for tat" retaliations

would continue by printing a

Tass report condemning the "hysteria" and "provocative hullaballoo" surrounding the expulsion of Soviet officials

The report said a "muddy

wave of absurd allegations" about Soviet espionage had appeared in the French press

"in the style of trashy detective stories". The report noted that

the expulsions had been "leaked" in *The New York Times*, suggesting American

Tass carried a statement by a

bitterness and outrage at the

they did not believe "this anti-

from France.

The two expelled Britons are

has reacted more

Diplomatic sources said it

The expelled Soviet officials

proportionately

felt that some sort of response was inevitable. "I've already packed my bags just in case." one diplomat said.

Speculation that the Russians

As the last results came in it blacks, who turned out to vote

his narrrow victory margin.

Despite his defeat Mr Epton nevertheless achieved the largest vote for a Republican candidate in Chicago's history. candidate in Chicago's history.

The city has been run by leaves a lot to be desired. But Democratic mayors and a maybe he will learn to pay his powerful Democratic party machine for the past 52 years, and until Mr Washington's victory in the Democratic primary last February Mr Epton ton served for failing to file tax was rated a total outsider. The fact that he fared as well as he did - largely because white Democrats did not want to have

a black as the city's chief executive - will be a matter of deep regret to Mr Epton who has an excellent civil rights record. During the campaign he had tried in vain to discourage Washington's personal integ-

Mr Washington will succeed Mrs Jane Byrne, who has been mayor of the city for the past four turbulent years. Mr Washington defeated Mrs Byrne and Mr Richard Daley, the son of the former legendary Mayor of Chicago of the same name, in a tough, three-way primary election last February. Mr Washington's victory then, as

Mr Washington yesterday predicted that a new national Democratic coalition would emerge as a result of his victory. "Out of the crucible of this end the racial divisiveness the vote, while his Republican which had scarred the city fival, Mr Bernard Epton, a formed less well than he had during two months of bitter campaigning.

Clearly aware of the urgent The turnout, estimated at 82 meed to win the confidence of the process of the p middle-class liberals living in the smart blocks of flats that stripes have joined hands to form a new Democratic coline the shore of lake Michigan. alition and to begin, in fact, a It was these two groups that provided Mr Washington with new Democratic movement.

However, Mr Epton rather sourly responded that Mr Washington will need all the help he can get if he is to run the city effectively. "His expertise in the area of finance certainly

short prison term Mr Washing-ton served for failing to file tax returns. Mr Washington had also been accused of not paying personal bills and had once been suspended from practising law for cheating his clients.

Mr Washington's victory will have important consequences at both local and national level. In Chicago he has pledged to overturn the political machine his supporters from exploiting the race issue and had instead concentrated his attacks on Mr particular, to end the notorious particular to end the city for the past half century and in the city for the city for the past half century and in the city for patronage system which has traditionally provided city bosses with most of their power.

Nationally it means that the Democratic Party can heave a huge sigh of relief. A defeat for Mr Washington - due to a failure of white democrats to support a black candidate would have turned large numbers of blacks against the Democratic Party leadership. There have recently been yesterday, was assured by his garnering the solid support of the city's blacks, who comprise about 40 per cent of the 1.6 million registered voters.

## Peace tour of four capitals

to the region.

The representatives of Tuesday.

Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico Señor Betancur said the peace and Panama described their effort had received several

President Belisario Betancur reported of Columbia, who inspired the tour, said in Bogata on Tuesday night that they were trying to head off total war between the head off total war between the tour the four-nation mission. He hoped Cuba and the countries would respond

day on a mission to bring peace had repulsed an offensive by and 40 wounded, while Govern-

tour as a desperate effort to find setbacks in the past few hours, a way to bring Nicaragua and including an insulting letter Honduras to the negotiating from Senor Cordova of Honduras, a Columbian radio station

superpowers, the United States other countries would respond

President Kyprianou refused

committee by the General

In return, he espoused Mr.

Assembly

Tegucigalpa (AFP) – Foreign
Ministers of four Latin-American countries have arrived here after visiting three other central consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). A total consolidating positions in two weeks (AP reports). 4,000 Government troops on ment casualties were 34 dead and 14 wounded.

> SAN SALVADOR: The Government has freed 31 political prisoners in the past spokesman said the move had nothing to do with a proposed amnesty for left-wing rebels, AP

 Captain Salvador Figueroa Morales, of the Salvadorean Army, has been arrested in diplomats and officials last and the Soviet Union. If they Tuesday: Since there are fewer than 40 French diplomats in Moscow, the Soviet Union Central America".

And the Soviet Union If they favourably.

ANANAGUA: The Defence least 18 peasants in Sonsonate province last February, Renter on both sides had been killed or reports.

## **Greece and Cyprus to** appeal to UN

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The Greek and Cypriot estrangement between Athens governments have agreed to and Nicosia and made agreeraise the Cyprus question before ment possible on the text of the the UN General Assembly and Cypriot appeal at the next European summit conference, but at the same to disclose the content of the time to encourage new initiat- appeal, but made it clear that he ives and strive to make the would welcome the creation of intercommunal talks more some ad hoc international substantive.

President Kyprianou of Cyprus who returns to Nicosia today after six days of talks in Papandreon's project that the Greece told the press yesterday: Turkish forces in Cyprus should "There is absolute agreement be replaced by an expanded UN between the governments of peace force, the cost of which Greece and Cyprus both on Greece was prepared to shoulstrategy and on tactics."

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, no longer makes the continuation of the intercommuncal talks in Cyprus conditional on the withdrawal of the Turkish troops occupying the north of the island.

Mr Papandreou told reporters on Tuesday: "It is clear that the bicommunal talks shall continue as long as this is a UN

This new position of the Greek Government eliminated the root of the year-long

#### Icy weather worsens for explorer

Mr Hempleman-Adams, who is aiming to become the first man to walk solo to the North

#### The Middle East crisis



Middle East optimism: Mr Arafat and Mr Palme are all smiles after their talks in Stockholm on the chances of further negotiations based on the Reagan peace plan.

## Israel's man with a mission

vinced that Mr Sharon - a

former membr of the Knesset -

is not only acting for the Israeli Army but has et several PLO officials in the course of

his visit to Lebanon.

From Robert Fisk, Beirst

Mr Samuel Flatto-Sharon took chocolate croissants and weak tea for breakfast yesterday then settled himself on the sofa of a well-appointed East Beirut apartment and refused to say anything about his reported efforts to secree the release of Israeli prisoners of

war.

Was he negotiating on behalf of the Israeli Govern-"No comment," Mr Sharon replied confidently.

And according to the Israeli
Defence Ministry, "No responsible authority in the army or the defence establishment empowered Mr Flatto-Sharon to negotiate on Israeli

But lying conspicuously on a sideboard was a sheaf of documents listing personal details and rank numbers of at least nine Israeli soldiers believed to be in Syrian or Palestinian hands

Furthermore, officials of the Christian Phalauge party in East Beirat seem quite con-

which have recently become available in the West Bank.

the new group named "No to the Award" held a press conference to publicize the

protest campaign in which hundreds of reserve soldiers and officers have already

returned the official ribbons

recently awarded by the

Government to all those who

took part in the war in

been sentenced to six days in

military prison as a punishment

for his action and demoted in

Yesterday the organizers of

The Phalange even believe that the Israeli Army flew Mr

Mr Flatto-Sharon is a mus with a past. The French authorities have vainly sought his extradition from Israel tia to five years imprisonment for fraud and tax evasion. In Israel itself, he is

appealing against a nine-month prison sentence after being convicted of buying votes in the 1977 Knesset elections. in East Beirut, he was carrying his credentials as a former member of the Israeli parlia-

The Phalange, however, are under the impression that Mr Flatto-Sharon – despite his record – really is trying to secure the release of Israeli prisoners from Damascus and from Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of

Left steps up protests at

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

designed to demonstrate inter- the order of the law, ou nal opposition to the unre- the order of the heart. Solved war in Lebanon and the Meanwhile, a separat

solved war in Lebanon and the Meanwhile, a separate group continued expansion of Jewish of some 30 members of the

with a new Government-spon- Palestinian town in the West

Members of the group, who West Bank in a new Israeli film claim that it is the first time in called '83. The board is now to Israel's history that a campaign review its decision.

West Bank expansion

Flatto-Sharon into their new airstrip near the town of Damour three days ago to help him in his mission.

Curiously enough, Mr Flat-to-Sharon was discovered yesterday afternoon standing outside the beachside hotel at Khalde just south of Beirut where Israeli, Lebanese and American negotiators - includ-ing Mr Philip Habib, Presideri Reagan's special Middle East envoy – were discussing troop withdrawals from Lebanon. He left shortly afterwards on an Israeli military aircraft.

Mr Flatto-Sharon is known to regard himself as something of an expert at securing the release of prisoners and has told Phalangists in Beirat that he helped free Jewish dissidents in the Soviet Union. Asked at Khalde if the prisoners might be released, he replied: "I hope soon. There is hope."

#### Sartawi buried in Jordan

Left-wing Israelis opposed to ribbon has been presented while the hard-line security policies of a war is still in progress have the Begin Government have signed a petition which de-launched a series of protests clares: "We went to this war by designed to demonstrate inter- the order of the law, but not by Amman (Reuter) + Issam Sartawi, the moderate Palesti-nian leader assassinated in POTURAL OR yesterday in Martyrs Cemetery in a simple ceremony.

His widow and four sisters settlements in the occupied Peace Now movement have West Bank established a protest settlewere at the graveside as Palestinian soldiers lowered the Vest Bank:

The moves have coincided ment near Nablus, the largest teak coffin

Nearly 1,000 people attended the funeral, including Prince Raad bin Zaid, King Hüsain's sored campaign - the most Bank in an effort to counter the expensive of its kind ever Government's plan to establish organized - to persuade Israeli a new Jewish settlement there Chamberlain, Mr Hassan Ibra-him, the Jordanian Minister of families to move to 4,000 new next week on the 35th anniver-apartments and building plots sary of Israel's independence. which have recently become The new settlement is State for Occupied Territories Affairs, M Jacques Alain de Sedouyds, the French Ambassa eventually intended to become the Jewish suburb of "Upper dor, and several Palestine Liberation Organization offi-

cials.
Mr Sartawi was shot while that they will soon be joined by Mr Sartawi was shot while scores of other peace activists, attending a Socialist Interhave set up tents inside a national congress as a PLO compound surrounded by bar-bed wire. They have also taken After pray

a generator to the site to Jordan University mosque the illuminate a large sign declaring. coffin, draped in the Palestinian No annexation." In a third move, members of Liberation Army ambulance to One of the campaigners, the Association for Civil Rights the cemetery, where many Sergeant Carlos Weiner, has in Israel – and a number of Palestinians are buried.

LISBON:Mr Anwar Abu Eishen, a PLO member, who was injured when Sartawi was shot, was yesterday discharged from hospital and boarded an aircraft for Tunisia, Susan

ing infrastructure, material and expertise, and in some cases British banking interests have provided loads for the projects. The council also mentioned a 1982 report in the Morning Star

The report recommends that the Security Council should proceed without delay to imcomprehensive and

#### Iranian oil well hit in Gulf naval battle

Bahrain (Reuter) - Iran and Iran, locked in ground and air clashes since Sunday, have fought a naval battle in the Gulf, and Iran claims that one of its offshore oil wells was hit

Seel!

by a missile.

Fraq said its navy sank two big Iranian naval vessels which approached its coast, but did not mention any attack on oil wells. But the Iranian news agency IRNA said the Iraqis used six gunboats and helica-

ters against the oil well. Mr Hossein Mousavi, the Iranian Prime Minister, in an interview with Tehran radio, indirectly accused Iraq of trying to pollute the Gulf but said there was no new oil spill. News of the battle disrupted a crisis meeting in Kuwait of Guif states ministers to discuss the huge oil slick affecting much of the Gulf.

#### Cyclones leave trail of havoc

Calcutta (Reuter) - A four-minute cyclone killed at least 50 people and injured 1,500 when it ripped through a coastal district in West Bengal. More than 6,000 people were made homeless in 21 villages about 25 miles from here, destroying houses and uprooting power

PAPEETE: The worst cyclone to hit Tahiti in modern times swept over the island, killing one person, injuring 26, and leaving more than 5,000 home-less, AP reports.

#### Bomb attack in **Philippines**

Zamboanga City (AP & AFP) Three bomb explosions in this city on Mindanao island in the Philippines killed a mayor's son and nephew and wounded 10 other people. The military said the attacks came a month after they had uncovered an alleged Muslim rebel plot to "create distrubances".

In Manila intelligence agents

arrested Mr Autonio Maria Nieva, a prominent journalist and leader of a newspaper

#### Atlantic defeat



Robin Knox-Johnston (above), who left New York 11 days ago in his catamaran Sea Falcon, hias failed in an attempt to cross the Allantic in record time. A force 2 wind robbed him of the chance to beat the present record of 9 days 10 hours 6 minutes, held by Marc Pajot of

#### Saudis injured

Athens (AP) - A parked car in an Athens suburb, injuring the First Secretary of the Saudi Arabian Embassy and his driver as their car passed by.

#### Lippizaners die

Vienna (AP) - A herpesinduced epidemic - equine rhino-pueumonitis - has killed three more of Austria's prized Lippizaner horses, bringing the death toll to 39.

## Singer banned

Harare (AP) — A Zimbabwe concert tour by Jimmy Cliff, the Jamaican reggae singer, has been cancelled after the Government said he would be banned because he had performed in South Africa in 1979.

#### Fainting gunman Swansea, Massachusetts (Reuter) - A bungling bank robber fainted when the

woman cashier he held up at gunpoint said she had no money. He had also locked his getaway car with the keys

Correction

The 39-storey International Trade Centre in Dubai is about 500ft highnot 130ft as stated in Letter from Dubai on April 8.

## decision". He did not see that the solution of the Cyprus problem was possible outside the United Nations.

Rome (AP) - An Italian pany, which oversaw the ship-ompany said yesterday that a ment of the waste, said that 41 Soviet composer expressing company said yesterday that a customs document accompany-

expulsions, and an open letter ing toxic waste from Itlay's from the deputy director of a worst environmental disaster ing toxic waste from Itlay's

Dioxin route disclosed

drums of the toxic waste from the site of a chemical plant explosion in Seveso, near bound for a French company in northern France.

A copy of the customs waybill released by the com-Ukrainian engineering plant showed that the shipment was who said he had worked with bound for a French company in Milan, in 1976 left Italy for St

President Kyprianou: Full

The plight of David Hemple-man-Adams, the lone British Arctic explorer, grew more serious yesterday as weather conditions on the ice cap worsened. A light aircraft was unable to take off to drop rations to the explorer because blanket of ice and fog covered much of the area.

Pole, is stranded in a tiny tent and trying to preserve his few remaining supplies. He is thought to be on his last packets of food. The temperature is

minns 35°C. Although he is still in radio contact, members of his support team at Eureka, Canada, are becoming increasingly con-cerned by his physical and

mental condition.

#### West accused of strengthening grip of apartheid From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York economic and and other Western countries orities in Taiwan were cooperat-

rank.

diplomatic cooperation between were in violation of the arms ing in the development of a and South Africa has increased during the past year, thereby strenghtening and encouraging the policy of apartheid, and South Africa's hold over Nami-

bia.

This is stated in a report by the United Nations Council for

western industrialized countries embargo against Pretoria im- strategic cruise missile mounted posed by the UN Security Council in 1977. Armscor, the arms manufacturing corporation owned by the South African Government, has

been able to produce under This is stated in a report by licence and acquire through the United Nations Council for purchases a wide range of Namibia, which consider itself the legal authority of the material. The council said that territory controlled by South Africa. growing relationship seen South Africa and Israel Military and nuclear contacts in the military and nuclear between South Africa and the fields was of particular concern.
United States, Britain, France, It cited reports that South It cited reports that South West Germany, Belgium, Israel Africa, Israel and local auth-

on a small pilotless jet, which would have the ability to avoid radar detection by flying at very low altitudes, and would maintain a nuclear warhead delivery capacity within a radius of 2,700 kilometres.

The protesters, who maintain

Knesset deputies - have called

on the film and theatre censor-

ship board to revoke a decision banning an episode about the West Bank in a new Israeli film

Although in the last few years the United States has superseded it in total volume of trade with South Africa. Britain has remained Pretoria's most important trading partner, British industry continued to be involved in South Africa's

main energy projects by supply-

of London, which said that British Electricity International was paying the wages of a senior official working on South Africa's nuclear programme in defiance of British Government

mandatory sanctions against South Africa.

TWA to and through the USA

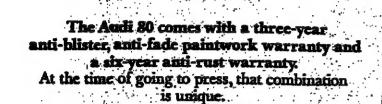
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to make sure it starts first time, every time.
It's safe to say that the BL Ambassador and Alfa
Giulietta are cars you could, on occasion, throttle.

The Audi 80 has self-stabilising steering to help you stop in a straight line after blowing a tyre; in a BL Ambassador, Ford Sierra, Vauxhall Cavalier or Alfa Giulietta you're still left wrestling with the steering wheel.

The Audi 80CD has a 5-cylinder engine giving it the performance of 6 cylinders and the economy of 4. Nothing else has (why not, you may ask).

The Audi 80 is front wheel drive, unlike the Ford Sierra, BMW 3 Series and Alfa Giulietta, which all quaintly insist on pushing you around corners.

The Audi 80 has an econometer and gear shift indicator
to help you squeeze the last fraction of a mile out of every gallon; the Vauxhall Cavalier and Alfa Giulietta are extravagant by comparison.



# Lucky Luciano's partner among 11 murdered in Sicilian Mafia violence

Eleven people have been murdered in Sicily in a flare-up of Mafia violence during the last 24 hours. Six were killed in two attacks in Palermo, four in Catania in the east, and one in Gela in the south. Rivalry between clans of the crime syndicates involved in the international drug racket were responsible, according to the

This latest wave of killings is the most violent since the assassination last September of General Carlo Alberto Dalia Cimesa, a Caribinieri general sent to Sicily with a brief to

stamp out the Mafia.

Among Tuesday's Palermo victims was "Nino the rich" Signor Antonino Sorci, aged 78, described as a lieutenant of the late Lucky Luciano, the underworld leader whom the authorities expelled to his native Italy after the last war.

Signor Sorci's 28-year-old son Carlo, who died with him, had in his pocket an air ticket for a flight yesterday to New York Both their names were on a list of 162 suspected drug traffickers drawn up by the police last

Signor Sorci's car was

Etna rumbles on Catania, Sicily (Renter) -An eruption at Mount Etna, Europe's largest active vol-cano, showed no sign yester-

day of abating, more than two weeks after it began.
A luxury cablecar, a ski lift, mountain cabins for summer tourists, roads, woods and electricity pylons have been damaged or destroyed, but no

Signor Carmelo Stuziale. 2 volcanologist at Catania University, said there were three distinct lava flows down the south, south-east and southwest faces of the volcano.

densely populated areas are

Palermo on Tuesday night. His son was gunned down from a

passing car.
The Sorci family was stated than 100lb of morphine and heroin were seized.

Signor Sorci, was a contractor who built a villa in Palermo where two years ago police broke up a meeting of gangland

Signor Sorci's car was Not far away three members ambushed in the centre of of the Romagnolo family were

as they stood outside their shop! selling shoes and leather goods. The main target appears to have been Signor Giuseppe Romagnolo, aged 40, who was released from Palermo prison last month. He was killed.

The only victim not sus-pected of Mafia connexions was Signor Carmelo Basile, aged 43, a security guard, who was shot dead as he entered his home

The other dead man of some importance was Signor Giuseppe Misuraca, aged 70, shot yesterday in a Palermo street by two men on a motor cycle, he was described as an elderly Mafia boss who had several times been sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

In a separate incident, nine people were arrested yesterday by pouce to be linked with a gang which had operated an underground narcotics refinery, discovered last year when many than the public works in th ecutor announced that charges were being laid against a further 26.

Among those arrested was Signor Ludovico Martellucci, aged 59, a builder and brother of the Christian of the Christian Democrat Mayor, Signor Nello Martellucci, who recently announced he was resigning.



#### West German census postponed

Jubilant lawyers and plaintiffs cele-brating their victory yesterday after the West German Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe ruled that a census planned for April 27 should be

postponed. The court granted an injunction to two Hamburg lawyers and a law student, pending investigation of the legality of the first census since 1970; Reuter reports.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said that the ruling meant no new census could be taken for at least a

The lawyers, backed by trade described it as an endorsement of unionists, the opposition Social Demo-cratic Party (SPD) and hundreds of anti-census groups argued that the census would violate constitutional rights to privacy.

The president of the court said the injunction, valid for three months, did not pre-empt a final decision on whether the census would be banned or authorized in a modified form.

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, SPD take proper care in preparliamentary leader, welcomed the census. He said the need for injunction, and the Green party survey was beyond dispute.

Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, Interior Minister, who inherited re-sponsibility for the census when he took office in October, denied any suggestion that the ruling reflected criticism of his administration. A spokesman for the ruling Christian Democratic Union (CDU) said that the previous SPD Government did not take proper care in preparing the census. He said the need for a national

But according to the Army newspaper, the group which had underground links with 63 factories, was instrumental in making Warsaw one of the most active underground centres in Poland. Two hundred people

> arrested, though so far only nine are facing trial. Mr Jan Narozniak, sn active member of the KOR dissident group, was stopped last summer by a police patrol. When he tried to escape he was shot in the leg and taken to hospital under heavy guard. There the MRKS group contrived Mr Narozniak's escaped from the operating theatre where the guards were forbidden to enter. According to unofficial sources at the time, he was put

Solidarity

'arranged

escape of

shot man' From Roger Boyes

Nine Solidarity activists on

trial at the Warsaw Military

Court were responsible for

smuggling a wounded unionist

out of hospital, evading militia

guards in the contidor, accord-

ing to the Army newspaper

The activists, who belonged

to an underground group known as the Interfactory

Workers' Solidarity Committee

(MRKS), have been on trial for

lmost a fortnight accused of

inciting strikes and street demonstrations in Warsew, publishing illegal publications

designed to disturb public order, and "resorting to terror against their political op-

had been investigated in con-

nexion with the group and 2!

Zolnietz Wolności.

ponents".

into a laundry bag and escaped down a rubbish chute. Meanwhile, the military prosecutor of the Wroclaw garrison has published a report which declared that an inquiry has exonerated the police in shooting-incidents in the copper town of Lubin last August during which two people died. A third subsequently died of his wounds.

"When the increasingly impudent--demonstrators became still more aggressive, the order-keeping forces used fire arms, shooting blanks as a warning", the report said.

Several policemen were then encircled and "under circumstances of direct threat to life and health" they used live ammunition, shooting above the heads of the crowd. the bullets ricocheted, mortally wounding two demonstrators. Apart from the third who

subsequently died, "four other people were wounded by rifle shots and several others were rnment's injured by petards and tear gas

## Pondering the message of urban decay

The great cities of the world the Environment, proselytizes Greater London lost a quarter ing, as in many of the big re dying, most students of the on behalf of the Government's of a million in population. Mediterranean cities such as are dying, most students of the on behalf of the Government's of a million in population. subject agree; but there is room for discussion as to whether that moribund urban condition signals an opportunity for renaissance or truly the begin-

ning of the end. Today, accordingly, member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and alia, programmes for rehabili-tating the inner city, costefficiency in public services, enterprise zones and tax con-

Leaving aside the more search company, parochial political obsessions of For the second the member nations, which will topped a list of 86 cities dictate, for example, that Lord throughout the world, followed Bellwin, Minister for Local by Tokyo and Cairo. Mexico Government and Environment City was at the bottom end,

keenness to forge a partnership

Cities as diverse as Detroit Barcelona, Milan, Athens, and between private and public sectors in the service of urban reclamation on the cheap, the symposium will have some horrifying statistics to ponder.

Montreal, Paris, Frankfurt, Osaka and Stockholm lost at The Hague, Duisberg and even Casaka and Stockholm lost at The Hague and Lyons, crippled respect-Ankara, "there, as in the cities of north-west Europe in an of the Landsting, Greenland's Parliament in Godthaab, seems set to continue in power as a to continue in power as a mindent provided in the cities of north-west Europe in an of the Landsting, Greenland's Parliament in Godthaab, seems set to continue in power as a mindent provided in the cities of the Landsting Greenland's seems set to continue in power as a mindent provided in the cities of the Landsting Greenland's seems set to continue in power as a mindent prov least 15 per cent of their inner Basle are rapidly becoming prepare relevant development Development meet in Paris for city residents during the sev-shadows of their former selves. two days' consideration of interesting the same period where populations are grown as sewers, water supplies. plans and finance services such

### Lagos world's most expensive city

Geneva (AP) – The rise of Lagos's 144, and New York's dollar has shifted rankings 100. It is, says the OECD, the first the dollar has shifted rankings time that those particular ministers with urban portfolios have met at international level, reflecting the "growing recognition that cities have a key role to play in achieving sustainable economic development".

Leaving saide the more that dotter has saide at mong the world's most expensive cities but the Nigerian capital of Lagos remains the world's most expensive cities but the Nigerian capital of Lagos remains the world's most expensive cities but the Nigerian capital of Lagos remains the unchallenged leader in 1983, according to a survey compiled by Basiness International, an independent re-

For the second year Lagos

The strength of the dollar made all cities, except Lagos, cheaper for Americans, compared with a similar survey last year. But the trend also put three American cities, San Fransisco, Chicago and New York, back among the top 20, and thus less of a bargain for non-Americans.

companies determine the cost

expatriate executives.

which advises hundreds of companies. compiled the survey to help

of living differentials paid to

The weighted index is based on a food "basket", household supplies, recreation, transport and selected other items. Oslo, which ranked number three worldwide with an index figure of 125, remained Europe's most expensive city.
A 12 city "guide on travel costs", also released by Bosi-

ness international, showed

London as the most expensive

place for visiting exectives.

the 26-sent Landsting.
At the first poll in Greenland, which achieved home rule under the Danish crown in 1979, the island's two main parties' share of the vote was the reverse. As expected, the small left-

From Christopher Follett Copenhagen
The ruling moderate left-wing anti-EEC Siumut Party of Mr

With its share of the vote dropping to 42 per cent Simmut lost its absolute majority in the

Landsting in a dead heat with

the main opposition party, the

right-wing pro-EEC Atassut, which saw its electoral support

increase to 46 per cent. Both parties now holding 12 seats in

wing Inuit Eskimo nationalist at present shared with Denparty took advantage of this week's polarised vote to gain entrance to the Landsting for the first time with around 10 per cent of the vote. They have

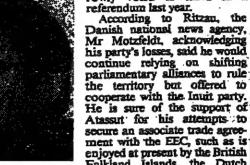


Dead heat in Greenland poll

Mr Motzfeldt: Still in

influencing developments in the

Inuit has demanded more rapid "Greenlandisation", including complete local control or me vast icebound territory's United Kingdom, joined the rich mineral resources such as lead, zinc, cryolite and uranium lead, zinc, cryolite and uranium Denmark in 1973. of the vast icebound territory's



command.

· It also wants a strengthening of ties with the neighbouring Eskimos of North America, as well as a total breach with the two seats and the prospect of EEC, which Greelanders nar-

the territory but offered to cooperate with the Inuit party. He is sure of the support of Atassur for his attempts to secure an associate trade agreement with the EEC, such as is enjoyed at present by the British Falkland Islands, the Dutch Antilles and French Polynesia, in the current delicate negotions with Brussels on withdrawal from the Community by January L, 1984.

rowly voted to leave in a

Greenland, whose status within Denmark is similar to that of the Isle of Man in the

The island's decision to opt out of the EEC will lose it an estimated 200,kroner (15.4m) annually in aid from Brussels making the economy one of Mr Motzfeldt's new government's



# Defector names Japanese 'spies'

Mr Stanislav Levchenko, the Soviet spy who defected to the United States in 1979, has stirred up a political horner's nest in Japan by naming several prominent Japaness whom, he said, he had himself recruited as agents for the KGB. They

Liberal Democratic Party code there who worked as KGB agents.

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condensed version of a book gating the matter, as are the appearing in Render's Digest, police. Those available for based on Mr Levchenko's comment have denied the experience in Tokyo, and in an interview accompanying the article.

agents for the KGB. They included a former Cabinet The book claims that a minister.

The names are included in a condensed version of a hear

According to Reader's Digest, Digest Levchenko claims to According to Render's Digest, Digest Levenenco claims to 26 people are mentioned in the have handled 10 agents in book, either by code names or Japan and dealt with many real ones. A former Labour more. While he was in Japan during the mid-1970's, he says, er", a member of the ruling there were at least 200 people

Today: The Hidden Hand. In the interview, Mr Lev-

chenko says that Japan's per-ceptons on the KGB were Asked how the KGB "naive." "They (the Japanese) agents in Japan, he say actually a real thing which fascinated by gaijin (foreigners) operates across Japan. The especially whites". In some KGB is taking full advantage of cases, money is involved. the innocence of the Japanese people, and recruiting Japanese partly because "some Japanese agents before they realize what

does not matter, some of those named in the book denied ever

Asked how the KGB recruits agents in Japan, he says: "The do not know that the KGB is Japanese people generally are

He does not cite more names have committed suicide in cases is happening." like these. But conceivably, Japan, which does not have circumstances might force me an anti-espionage law, is "defi- to name more names in the

## Moscow wants Asian security talks

Soviet officials said yesterday of repeated Soviet proposals for that Moscow was actively seeking an Asian security conference which would take Moscow has said that it will rejects Mr Gromyko's charge Diolomatic sources said they into account the fears raised in China and Japan by the stationing of medium range missiles in Soviet Asia.

Officials said the proposal for a regional security conference with Soviet participation had been discussed during a recent visit to Moscow by a large Japanese political and trade delegation.

Moscow has said that it will rejects Mr Gromyko's charge that the island of Okinawa is "a standing proposals, however, and has offered to discuss the "changed circumstances" of Soviet-Asian relations, including the anxieties aroused by the deployment of SS20s in the Soviet Far East,

To the alarm of Asian

powers, the Russians have said Mr Andrei Gromyko, the they need to station medium

Soviet officials said they would none the less approach other Asian countries, including



Floral tribute: Mr Zhao Ziyang, China's Prime Minister, being presented with a bunch of flowers at Christchurch airport yesterday at the start of his official visit to New Zealand.

### China finds its army too far to the left

From David Bonavia

One of China's key military commanders has urged the armed forces to work harder to eliminate "leftist" attitudes which, he says, are harmful to the fighting spirit of the troops and the prestige of the Chinese

General Li Desheng, com-mander of the important North-Eastern Military Region border-ing on the Soviet Union, was quoted in the People's Daily vesterday as indicating that military opposition to political dissension and important of Western cultural influence was too severe.

The region's command cen-tre, the city of Shenyang, was seen as a hotbed of leftism in the last years of Mao Tse-tung. the last years of Mao 1 se-tung.

The article, reprinted from a political journal in Liaoning province, said good progress had been made in rooting out leftism in the Army, especially since the appointment of Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's elder statesman, to head the Central Military Commission in 1981.

However, it added that

However, it added that "some comrades" had show leftist influence in their criticism of such phenomena as the "Democracy Wall" outburst of political wall posters in 1979, and of the craze for bell-bottom trousers and modern dancing in 1980, in attacks on liberal

literary trends, and in blaming economic crime on relaxation

of party policies in 1982.

## Hanoi to cut troops in Cambodia

and its two neighbouring allies, rotated elements of its garrison Laos and Cambodia, announced vesterday that a partial
withdrawal of Vietnamese 10,000 and 12,000 Vietnamese troops from Cambodia would troops had left Cambodia and take place next month, Hanoi had been replaced by an radio reported.

The announcement came after an unexpected meeting of foreign ministers from the three countries on Tuesday, in Phnom Penh.

The announcement came soldiers.

PEKING: China accused Vietnam of committing three new armed provocations along their common border in the

A communique, quoted by Hanoi radio and monitored in Bangkok, said that the troops would be withdrawn because of the stable situation in Communique, quoted by Wile Khmer Rouger guerrillas battled with the Vietnamese yesterday along the Thai-Cambodian border, Thai military sources said has a superior of the stable situation in Communique, quoted by Wile Khmer Rouger guerrillas battled with the Vietnamese yesterday along the military sources said has a superior of the communique, quoted by Hanoi radio and monitored in Siam while Khmer Rouger guerrillas battled with the Vietnamese yesterday along the military sources and the communique, quoted by Hanoi radio and monitored in Siam while Khmer Rouger guerrillas battled with the Vietnamese yesterday along the Vietnamese yesterday yesterday

annual withdrawals from however, predict that the Cambodia beginning this year. It first announced last July that will be north of Aranyaprathet it was withdrawing some of its where two large camps of estimated 180,000 troops there. The Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean), located.

Bangkok (Reuter) - Vietnam said that Vietnam merely

Thai military officials in Bangkok say that a large Vietnamese force is poised for a final dry-season attack on final dry-season attack on Cambodian guerrillas on the Thai border before Hanoi loses its military advantage with the onset of monsoon rains ex- ARANYAPRATHET: Vietpected late this month or in namese troops ambushed a early May.

That patrol near the Gulf of

the stable situation in Cam- military sources said here, AP reports. Sporadic fighting was re Vietnam pledged in February that, depending on the secutive of Aranyaprathet. Most West-situation, it would make regular annual withdrawals from the secutive of Aranyaprathet. Most West-security analysts, annual withdrawals from the security of Aranyaprathet.

opposition Khmer People's National Liberation Front are

#### Universities protest at assassin race quotas

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The vice-chancellors of South Africa's four main Englishspeaking universities have issued a strong joint protest against legislation going through Parliament which would force them to observe racially based quotas for the admission of

The protest was agreed at a meeting earlier this week called after the first reading by Parliament of the legislation. It was attended by the vice-chancellors of the universities of Cape Town, Natal (Durban and Pietermaritzburg), Rhodes (Grahamstown) and the Witwatersrand (Johannesburg).

Witwatersrand (Johannesburg).
Professor D. J. Du Plessis,
the vice-chancellor of the
University of the Witwatersrand, told The Times yesterday
that the new legislation, if
implemented, would be even
more objectionable than the
existing unacceptable interexisting unacceptable inter-ference with universities rights.

"The new system would require us to refuse someone entry on the basis of colour once the quota has been exhausted. Even if the quotas were reasonably generous - and we do not have the faintest idea what size they would be - we would find the principle on which they are based totally repugnant."

## Diary of a would-be

From Christopher Thomas New York

A grisly diary of death of the man who shot Governor George Wallace of Alabama and plotted to kill President Richard Nixon is up for sale.

Arthur Bremer will spend most of his life in prison for the shooting in a shopping precinct in Maryland in May, 1972. Governor Wallace, who has been undergoing treatment lately for bouts of depression will spend the the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

The diary Bremer's plans to assassinate the Governor: "Great idea get a 3 x 5 confederate flag. drape it over my shoulder to conceal the gun in my hand. An easy way to approach the great Govenor, to shake his humble hand. And shake his heart, lungs, and maybe a head shot

He adds: "Life outside ain't too hot. I want to do something cold and dramatic,

forceful and dynamic."

The diary also describes his plans to stalk Mr Nixon's daughter, Julie, and her husband Mr David Eisenhower. The opening entry states: "Now I start my diary of my personal plot to kill by pistol either Richard Nixon or George Wallace. I intend to shoot one or the other."

## Railway apartheid stays

Strict apartheid will continue Mr Schoeman's statement on to be enforced on trains and in railway stations in South Africa, Mr. Hendrik Schoeman, the Transport Minister, has told Parliament.

Transport Minister, has told Parliament.

stated government policy to ment members, particularly Mr scrap what it terms "harmful" Fanie Botha.

(liberal), members of the nated. He told the opposition Government and a bitter Progressive Federal Party, was opponent of extreme right-wing that separate but equal facilities were needed on trains and at the leadership of Dr Andries Treuraicht, broke away and formed the Conservative Party.

Out and trampled underfoot.

His statement conflicts with attempting to unseat govern-

scrap what it terms marmin discriminatory measures.

Mr Schoeman is considered to be one of the most verligte (liberal), members of the (liberal), members of the Characterist and a bitter between the composition of the com

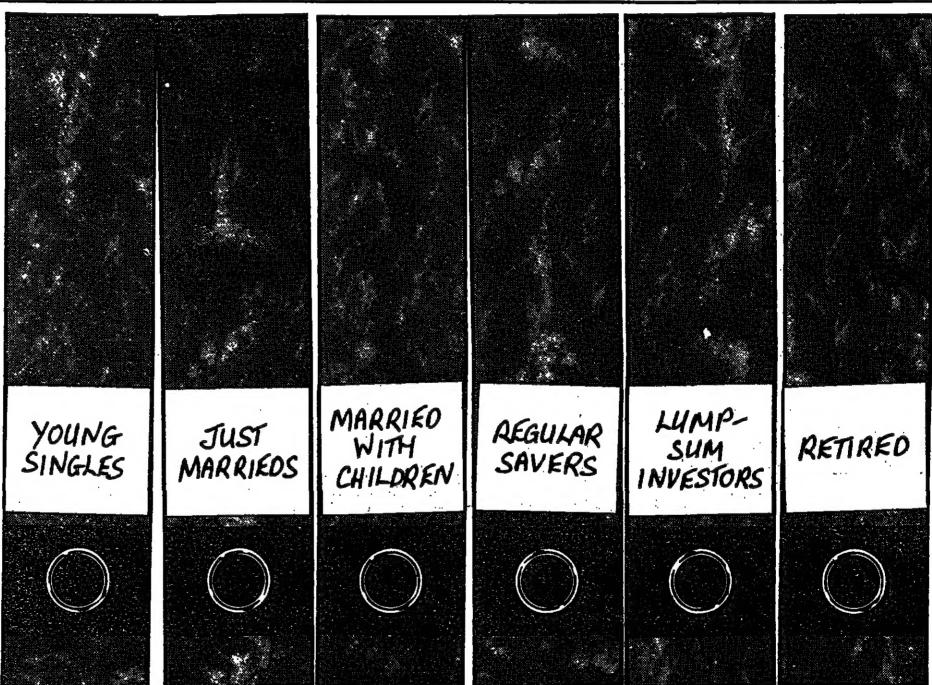
delegation.

Sources said the Japanese a press conference two weeks response had been sceptical.

Japan and other Asian powers have in the past been suspicious

Mr Andrei Gromyko, the they need to station medium range rockets in the Far East to counter this "threat to Soviet officials said they security". Moscow has also would none the less approach other Asian powers tary bases, and that Japan and SS20s beyond the Urals as part India, Pakistan and Vietnam.

Diplomatic sources said they doubted whether Japan and China would agree to a regional security conference. Peking is already engaged in bilateral "consultations" with Moscow on a range of issues, and the Japanese would prefer to see the problem of missiles in Asia included in a broadened version



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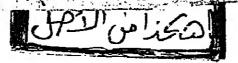
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## "WE'RE NOT JUST IN THE BUSINESS OF CREATING HOMES."



# "WE ALSO CREATE JOBS."

# NEW BUILDING COULD SPEARHEAD ECONOMIC REGENERATION. Sir Campbell Adamson, Chairman of Abbey National speaking at the Annual General Meeting on 13 April 1983 said:-

... at a time when unemployment is affecting an alarmingly high proportion of the country's workforce – including Abbey National membership – I should like to reflect on how our activities affect employment prospects. It has been argued that in the 1930's a great upsurge in house construction financed by building society money helped considerably to pull the country out of the slump. The forecast rate of starts this year may not represent a boom of those proportions but is an indication that the confidence needed to get the economy off the ground may be returning. It is hoped that our allocation of £750m for new house building will be an added incentive for companies, large and small, to expand their labour force. New and growing communities also bring new opportunities for local tradesmen and commercial enterprises, giving a welcome boost to mature businesses.

In inner city areas, I am not yet convinced that the full implications of Abbey National involvement in improving housing conditions has been grasped by the business world. These areas represent a large market where finance is now, perhaps for the first time, readily available. The success of our showhouse programme will be measured in terms of the impetus given to householders to improve their homes. This in turn will bring an expansion of employment opportunity and have a beneficial 'knock on' effect for the economy of the areas as a whole. Similarly, the role of Abbey Housing Association is important in providing new housing.

I think we can rightly say that we are not just in the business of creating homes. We also create jobs.

Among the other points made by the Chairman:

#### HOME SERVICE

Given that the building society industry can attract sufficient receipts, private housing starts this year could exceed 160,000. We have set ourselves an overall £3 BN lending target for 1983,

of this £750m will be set aside to finance new house building – the largest sum ever allocated by a building society for the housing industry. Of this £750m, £100m has been earmarked for inner city building projects.

Over 25% of our lending last year went into pre-1919 housing.

We have established a programme to

buy run down properties in urban areas

to refurbish as showhouses. Our intention is to show local people what can be done with mortgage and improvement grant aid. We are currently involved in discussions in Liverpool to rehabilitate a large post war housing development.

Abbey Housing Association is continuing its activities on sites involving houses, flats and maisonettes, the

programme is approaching 1000 units completed or under construction. The 104 units planned at Tower Hamlets are now complete and the largest

undertaking so far is in Bermondsey where 160 units are under way with 20% earmarked for assured tenancies. The Association has moved into refurbishing property involving flat conversions for sale in Reading. In general, the major obstacle to making more rapid progress is the acquisition of land in reasonable locations and on reasonable terms from local authorities.

Much has been said about the advent of Mortgage Interest Relief at Source – MIRAS. 100,000 people have asked for details on how a change to endowment would benefit them. The final decision rests entirely with the borrower. Our role is, as always, to offer advice and to ensure that the decision is made against the full range of relevant information.

#### MONEY SERVICE

Major reorganisation of the Society's computer technology is well under way to provide counter top terminals and automatic passbook updating, designed to speed up our payment and withdrawal facilities.

The most popular schemes proved to be the Seven Day Account and High Option Bondshares. Well over £1 BN was invested in each during the year with the Seven Day Account, which was a prime factor in our excellent market performance, now totalling more than £1.5 BN.

To these and other well known products in our range, we have added the Cheque-Save Account.

This does not mean the Society is

moving into the banking business and we are not interested in trying to capture any of the high volume cheque market.

Membership of the Junior Savers
Club now tops 600,000 – 200,000 joined in 1982 alone. The Club is in many ways the first step on the home ownership ladder. In addition to providing newsletters and competitions, we are actually open in out-of-school hours unlike some competing institutions.

The Home Income Plan to provide elderly home owners with a fixed guaranteed income for life, aroused tremendous interest. So far business amounting to £8.4m has been completed.

#### 1982 RESULTS

Total assets now exceed £12 BN - an addition of £2 BN during the year - representing a growth rate of 20.5%.

Our operations generated a surplus of £59 m although the Reserve Ratio dipped marginally to 3.6% through controlled use in a highly competitive environment.

Liquidity Ratio at 20.7% stood at slightly above the end 1981 figure.

A remarkable 1.8 million new investment accounts were opened, bringing the total number of membership accounts to 8½ million.

The Society lent more money on house purchase and improvement and to more people than at any other time in its history. Lending at £2.6 BN was an increase for the second year running of 28% over the previous year. Of the 150,000 purchasers assisted, 85.000 were first time buyers and over 16,000 were existing council tenants who purchased their house

outright. A measure of our continuing commitment to housing improvement is that we made £212m available to more than 78,000 borrowers – 50% more than 1981's record figure.

The opening of 29 branches brought the total number to 664, by far the largest network of any Society.

We now have 2,463 agencies, the most active and successful of these take on many of the functions of a branch. The direct sales force has been expanded to 160 people making a growing contribution to the Society's operations.

On each working day in 1982:

1. A new investment account was opened every 4 seconds.

2. A new mortgage loan was provided every minute.3. The Society helped to provide a

loan to a first time buyer every 11/2 minutes.

For the year as a whole, this means an average of 20 mortgages and 243 investment accounts for each of the Society's 7409 fell time staff.



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LONDON WIM 2AA.

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Scarman and Lord Brightman [Judgment delivered April 12]

Where a pastoral scheme was ade for the union of two Church of England benefices the right to appeal against the scheme under section 8(2) of the Pastoral Measure 1968 was a genuine right of appeal on the merits and a change of circumstances or the emergence of fresh evidence might in an appropriate case constitute grounds for allowing an appeal and directing the Church Commissioners to there was room for two reasonable pinions as to a particular course, that of the church authorities would almost always be conclusive against the other unless an appellant could show that the authorities made an

the church authorities ought to reconsider it.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council dismissed an appeal by Captain Geoffiery Hargreaves, Mr Ted Puntis, Mr David Hornsby and Mr Roy Farmers acting on behalf of themselves and some 400 other parishioners of Copythorne near Southamnson against that part near Southampton against that part of a pastoral scheme made by the Church Commissioners on June 2. Diocese of Winchester which procedure provided that the parsonage house or on cost of Minstead should be the place of judgment

appear process of the supreme Court, draft scheme ought to have caused notwithstanding some superficial the Church Commissioners to similarities, It followed that an consider the scheme afresh as far as concerned the residence of the

His Lordship emphasized that if objections to a scheme were genuinely brought forward and supported by evidence their Lord-ships' Board had to take them into account. It would not lose sight of the fact that a scheme was supported by responsible bodies within the Church of England but it was not enough for the Church Com-missioners to rest upon general missioners to rest upon general assertions in the face of specific

concrete and relevant objections.

Although in previous cases the Board had stressed that it would be slow to dissent from a acheme show that the authorities made an error of judgment or that circumstances had aftered so significantly slow to dissent from a scheme since the making of the scheme that approved by the pastoral compute the church authorities ought to mittee, the bishop and the Church commissioners and would require commissioners and would require cogent reasons for doing so, the word "cogent" could be misleading and should not be allowed to mask

and should not be allowed to mask the truth that an appeal to the Board was an appeal on the merits.

The dictum in Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Holy Trinity, Birkenhead v Church Commissioners (unreported, May 6, 1974) to the effect that the Board would not refuse to confirm a scheme "unless for irregularity of procedure, for excess of irrisdiction procedure, for excess of inrisdiction or on cogent evidence of erroneous judgment" was helpful as far as it

of Minstead should be the parson of the ment united benefice and that the parsonage house of Copythorne should be disposed of.

The appellants in person: Mr in a proper case constitute grounds for allowing an appeal even where there was no question of erroneous that the church authorities.

## Only the applicant's conduct is relevant

Before Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Scarman, Lord Brightman and Lord Templeman

[Judgment delivered April 12] Where both parties had been ficient in good faith in connexion with the formation of a contract between them, a court in deciding whether or not to grant specific performance of the contract had to consider whether there had been authority Weegham v Killeler authority or righteous dealing on the part of the party seeking specific performance and was not required misconduct by the party seeking it to balance the misconduct of one was wanting in good faith and was wanting in good faith and was party egainst the misconduct of the

The Judicial Committee of the basis of the suit. by Sang Lee Investment Co Ltd (the viginal vendor) from a judgment of the Court of Appeal of Hongkong dismissing the original vendor's appeal from a judgment of the High Court who ordered specific performance of two contracts for the sale of land at Quarry Bay, Honglong to Ball Land Investment Co. Ltd (the original purchased and Co Ltd (the original purchaser) and Wing Kwai Investment Co Ltd (the sub-purchaser) in the sub-purchaser's action against the original purchaser in which the original purchaser in which the original vendor was joined as third party.

Mr Colin Ross-Munro, QC and Mr Robert Tang and Mr Aathony Neoh (both of the Hongkong Bar)
Neoh (both of the Hongkong Bar)
For the original vendor, Mr P. J.
Millett, QC and Mr Benjamin Levy for the sub-purchaser; Mr Leonard

To the sub-purchaser; Mr Leonard

On the facts, the claim by the original numbers and the grabone.

LORD BRIGHTMAN said that the only issue was whether there was Biddle & Co; Withers.

and that since the sub-purchaser's hands were not clean, or, on a true view of the facts, less clean than

was wanting in good faith and was "in the transaction" which was the

In a case where there were allege improprieties on both sides it was not a proper approach for the court exercising its discretion to grant specific performance to compare the misconduct on one side with the misconduct on the other.

The court should first decide whether there had been any relevant want of faith, honesty or righteous dealing on the part of the person seeking relief and should then decide whether as a matter of discretion and in all the circumstances, which might include any

Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC, Mr Denis Chang, QC original purchaser and the Bromley QC original purchaser an

### Landlord wrong to assert lien over goods

Finlayson v Taylor

Before Mr Justice Croom-Johnson

Before Mr Justice Croom-Johnson
[Judgment delivered March 30]

Where a landlord, who was a bailee of goods for his licensee, denied him access to the licensee premises where the goods were stored, and wrongfully and without justification asserted a lien over the goods in respect of arrears of rent, his detention of the goods became adverse to the licensee and he was liable in detinue for that detention.

Mr Justice Croom-Johnson 30 held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in giving judgment for the plaintiff for 28,711 in his claim for damages for detinue and conversion of goods.

Mr Peter Brunner for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE CROOM-JOHNSON said that the plaintiff was justified by the failure of the defendant to afford him access to the plaintiff was pustified by the failure of the defendant to afford him access to the plaintiff from the defendant in respect of premises owned by the defendant who had the only key.

The plaintiff wrote to the defendant on several occasions asking to be provided with a key, but his letters went unanswered.

The defendant of goods the premises was therefore constituted an unlawful definedant on several occasions asking to be provided with a key, but his letters went unanswered.

The plaintiff often had to search for

#### Prisoner made homeless by wife's conduct

Regina v Swansea City Council, Ex parte Thomas

A man who normally lived in a A man who normally lived in a family unit with a woman and their two children could become intentionally homeless where that accommodation had been lost as a result of the woman's conduct while the man was in prison if there was evidence reasonably to suggest that he had acquiesced in the conduct

Semplained of.

Accordingly, a housing authority might reasonably refuse that man's application under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977, Mr Justice Woolf, held in the Queen's Bench Division on April 12, refusing an application for judicial review of the authority's decision.

MR JUSTICE WOOLF said that Parliament could not have intended that an authority should be required to rehouse a family unit against whom they had previously obtained an order for possession on the ground of missance and amnoyance to neighbours committed by one intended of that family unit.

Prosecutor's appeal by way of case stated. The defendant's vehicle was loaded with seven abandoned which were to be sold as scrap.

On the proper construction of the regulations, the exemption granted by Schedule 2 applied to a breakdown vehicle winch was used for the conveyance of one disabled vehicle was not a disabled vehicle was not a disabled vehicle used to transport a scrap vehicle or a number of scrap or disabled vehicles required a certificate.

the defendant in local public houses in order to gain access to the

#### Test certificate required for carrying scrap

Gibson v Nutter

A goods vehicle which carried cars to be sold as scrap was not a recovery vehicle and was therefore required to have a goods vehicle test certificate under the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations (SI 1971 No 352), the Divisional Court (Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice McNeill) said on March 30 when allowing a March 30 when allowing a prosecutor's appeal by way of case stated. The defendant's vehicle was loaded with seven abandoned

## Commissioners' opinion upheld ILEA is part of GLC Pensions fall within exclusion Hargreaves and Others v The Church Commissioners The Church Commissioners Hargreaves and Others v The Church Churc

appeal process and was not to be gathering of evidence and the Inner London Education Anthsection 9 kid down what was to be compared to an application for judicial review under Order 53 of parish since the publication of the Environment.

The ILEA contended that the Before Mr Justice Woolf

> The appellants' factual case was that Copythorne was an active, bustling place with a growing population of 2,700. Community activities with clubs for young and old abounded. There was a vigorous Scout movement and two good Church of England schools. The church was well supported and the vicarage had been built some 13 years ago with the aid of voluntary

Minstead on the other hand was smaller. Its population was 710 and static (or diminishing) and generally older than that of Copythorne. The parsonage house was between two and a half to three miles from the developed area of Copythorne. The appellants regarded it as illogical that the vicar should reside elsewhere than at Copythorne.

In rejecting the appellants' case the church authorities had weighed the respective merits of the two places of residence and had chosen Minstead as that from which the incumbent would be able to carry out his ministry effectively and contentedly. The Bishop of Win-chester was firmly of opinion that a future incumbent would be happier

If there was room for two reasonable opinions, the fact that the church authorities had adopted one would almost always be decisive against the other. In the present case on the facts two views were possible. The bishop could not be criticized for bearing in mind the oe cructize for bearing in find the welfare of his clergy as well as that of the inhabitants of his diocese. Although the appellants had shown that there was a reasonable case for selecting the residence at

They had not been able to show that the church authorities had made an error of judgment in reaching their decision to select Minstead or that circumstances had changed so significantly since Minstead was chosen that the ers and the bishop ought to reconsider that part of the scheme. The appeal should be Solicitors: Radcliffes & Co.

[Judgment delivered March 30] The Inner London Education nment Act 1963, was the Greater London Council acting by means of a special committee in pursuance of its education functions (the comeil), but differently constituted from the Greater London Council pursuing its noneducation functions (GLC), was not accountable separately from the GLC to the Secretary of State for the Environment in respect of its own direct labour organization for the purposes of Part III of the Local Government, Planning and Land

Mr Justice Woolf so held, in the Queen's Bench Division, dismissing the ILEA's originating summons against the Department of the Environment, seeking the court's determination on questions relating to the correct status of the ILEA for the purposes of Part III of the 1980 Act which provided for control to be exercised over the expenditure of local authorities using direct labour organizations (DLOs) for the purpose of carrying out their functions.

Mr J. R. Macdonaid, QC and Mr Colin Braham for the ILEA; Mr Siznon D. Brown for the Depart-ment of the Environment,

MR JUSTICE WOOLF, reading MR JUSTICE WOULF, reading a reserved judgment, said that since 1965, the ILEA had operated its own DLO to carry out maintenance work to educational buildings in its

Part III of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 contained a code of sections designed to enable control to be exercised over the expenditure by local authorities using DLOs for the purpose of carrying out their functions.

Section 10(1) required every local authority undertaking construction or maintenance work under works of contract or by way of functional work to keep, in respect of each description of work specified in subsection (2) a revenue account and such other accounts as the of state might direct.

The ILEA contended that accounting in respect of its DLO pursuant to the provisions of the 1980 Act should be separate and apart from the accounting in respect of other DLOs which were engaged in activities on behalf of the GLC.

The Department of the Environment, however, was convinced that the ILEA could not run a DLO without involving the GLC because enjoyed no separate legal personality apart from the GLC. Section 30 of the London

Government Act 1963 which created ILEA, constituted ILEA as a statutory special committee and provided that in the inner London education area the local education authority was the GLC acting by means of ILEA. The membership of the ILEA differed from membership of the GLC. The ILEA was a committee of the

GLC but did not exercise its jurisdiction as a delegate committee of the GLC nor was it a statutorily created corporation. Furthermore, section 30 of the 1963 Act made it

Part III of the 1980 Act referred Part III of the 1980 Act refeared throughout to the duty being on a local authority. Section 20 of the Act defined "local authority" as . . . a county council, the Greater London Council, a district council, a London borough council or the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly."

The absence of any reference to ILEA was striking since other provisions of the Act expressly provided that the ILEA was a local authority for the purpose of other parts of the Act.

The fact that in the same Act of Parliament express reference was made to ILEA made it clear that where special treatment was to be accorded to the GLC because of the ILEA that was done expressly.

Accordingly, while it might be sensible for the duty to be placed on able to construe the Act in a manne which would place that duty upon the ILEA. It might be a case where

Distribution Ltd. Before Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson, Miss J. Colletson and Mr R. different, in the other." [Judgment delivered March 30] Section 6(4) of the Sex Discrimi-

nation Act 1975, which excluded provisions in relation to death or application covering anything which was part and parcel of the employers' system of catering for retirement, and including provisions in severence terms made on redundancy under which some employees were offered early

others were not.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal dismissed appeals by Mr
Douglas Barber and Miss Joan
Roberts, from decisions of two
industrial tribunals in May 1982 and November 1981, dismissing their claims of unlawful discrimination on the ground of sex, against their employers, the Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group and Tate & Lyle Ltd.

Mr Christopher Carr, QC, for Mr Barber, Mr Henry Brooke, QC and Mr T Wormington for Guardian Royal Exchange, Mr David Pannick for Miss Roberts; Mr Christoph Clarke for Tate & Lyle.

MR JUSTICE BROWNE— WILKINSON said that the ques-tions which arose were – had the employer discriminated against the employer discriminated against the employee within the meaning of section 1(1)(a) of the Act in failing to offer him or her early retirement; if so, was the discrimination excluded from the Act by section 6(4) and if it was could the licants establish a claim under

appinants estatus a carm under European law? In the Tate & Lyle case the pension scheme provided for men to reture at 65 and women at 60. or reare at 05 and women at 60.

If either a man or woman retired before the normal retiring age but over 50 they were entitled to an immediate pension. The refinery at which Miss Roberts was employed closed and she was made redundant, and 52.

employers over 55 could obtain an immediate pension. In the case of a man he was being paid 10 years before his normal retirement age. Miss Roberts claimed that she was entitled to an immediate pension because she was within 10

circumstances in the one case are

Mr Pannick for Miss Roberts submitted that the relevant circumyears which she and the male employee with whom she compared retirement age for pension purposes ("age off pension"). He said that their actual age was irrelevant. Mr Clarke submitted the opposite. In some cases the true age would

he the relevant circumstance but in cessionary travel by railways for old age pensioners) the age off pension would be relevant. The problem of stating any test identifying the cases in which actual age or age off pension was the relevant circumstance was received. For present purposes the appeal tribunal would assume in Miss

was being made redundant.

There were three relevant decisions considered together by the Court of Appeal: Roberts v Cleveland Area Health Authority; Garland v British Rail Engineering Ltd and MacGrepor Wallcoverings Ltd v Turion ([1979] ICR 558). The Court of Appeal held that the phrese "provision in relation to death or retirement" in section 6(4) was wide and meant a provision about death or retirement.

The Garland case alone went to the House of Lords and following a reference to the European Court of Justice the Court of Appeal decision was reversed. But there was nothing in the speeches in the House of Lords disapproving the general approach by the Court of Appeal to the question of the construction of section 6(4).

On any view the decision of the appeal tribunal in Gartand ([1978] ICR 495) was approved by the House of Lords and the test propounded by Mr Justice Phillips, that what had to be considered was whether or not what was being done was part and parcel of the employers' system of catering for retrement, would be applied in the present case. The purpose of section 6(4) was Sheffield, Jaques & Lewis; Mrs S. T. apparent. Parliament in enacting the Gill, Claygate; Mr J. D. Sabel.

natory practice deeply embedded in the social organization of the women. Section 6(4) was drafted to exclude claims arising out of the different retirement ages. Any complaint based on the existence of contractual terms dealing with retirement had to be excluded since such terms would necessarily be retirement ages.

provision in relation to" retirement applied to the terms of access tial provisions also had to be excluded. The appeal tribunal agreed with the Court of Appeal that section 6(4) had to be construed

widely.

Although the provisions in the since the provisions in the severance terms complained of were pro-visions of the pension scheme and were part and parcel of the employer's system of catering for retirement. Accordingly Miss Roberts's claim fell within the exclusion contained in section 6(4).

If the European law on the subject was clear the appeal tribu to seek to construe the 1975 Act so as to conform with the European European law was far from clear and for the purposes of construction

forward in Mr Barber's case. Mr Barber claimed that he was being unlawfully discriminated against under the employer's pension scheme when he was not offered an

have been given an immediate

6(4) had been made and the same construction would be applied so as to exclude Mr Barber's claim. The appeals would be dismis and leave to appeal granted. Solicitors: Irwin Mitchell & Co,



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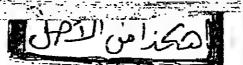


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## **SPECTRUM**

# Tender is the night

## MODERN TIMES

A sideways look at the British way of life

Do you remember when city streets were rich in night-time braziers? Every hole in the road had its attendant and his coke blaze glowing through the perforations of a pun-ched-through oil drum. The guard with a string round his overcoat lived in a hut and drank tea from a billycan and seemed to be half way between a tramp and a policeman, custodian of a few tools and an inkyblack gap in the pavement.

The world is now too expensive a

place to allow such after-hours luxuries and such unlikely respectabilities; an old boy of that sort would now be snug in his old people's home, or sleeping rough and discarded under a railway arch. Those were still, just, the days when policemen called you sir whatever you looked like.

I have often enough been a night-tourist, and learned to appreciate the peculiar glamour of being out of kilter with the world, and having it to oneself. Bouncing home across London on the oldest hike in the

it to oneself. Bouncing home across London on the oldest bike in the world after rock 'n roll in Hammersmith (woefully drunk and wobbly) at two in the morning, for instance.

Dut the nights are best when you've something to do. Best of all most powerfully romantic - is to be at sea. One harbourmaster-cumpilot once let me stay up with him while he buffetted towards an unlit rendezvous with a Polish freighter off the North-east coast. Suddenly a wave took us high and close against the great wall of its side, and we looked through a porthole into a little yellow-warm pool of tussled bunks and open magazines, and then plunged back down into the gloom and spray. The ladder was out on the wrong side, but my man took his salty, balletic leap and was crawling up the great steady ship as we rocketed off to lead the hurtling way.

As a chaffeur I used to drive a distinguished man through the night: London to Yorkshire or Cornwall, or Heathrow to Suffolk, slipping down long strips of roads, counting the miles in tens and twenties with a pop station burbling inconsequentialities at just the volume to let the great man sleep his sleep. He might be important, but I was conscious: a bleary-eyed squire to his knight. They were nights spent battling against sleep; often it won for a second or two, a worrying business at 70 or 80mph.

Before that: security cars. One chilly night in 1966 my Alsatian dog and I guarded the drinks cabinet at Wembley, the night before England did something to Germany in football. Throughout, my borrowed dog feigned sleep on the back seat.

It was a marvellous job. There was a crazed night manager, with a house in Penge, or perhaps it was Croydon: we would meet for breakfast, all of us mobiles, at his house, at half-four or five in the ate his immense fry-ups, gulped down tea, and dispersed to our beds before the traffic got going as the dawn kippered the sentinel sky over the South Circular. Driving back to town, the window open to blast away at sleepiness, sharp silver air nunched away at one's liver air nunched aw with a nightful of cigarette smoke.

Lt was a proper night job. We didn't stay up late to go to work as mere jazz musicians do, nor were we remotely like the moonlighting night-clubbers having a collation at the all-night tea bar outside Caxton Hall, drunk and shrill against the gloom. Rather, we were shades who got up in the late afternoon and never knew what mood we were in. Our bodies never did quite forgive the muddle, and teatime never did become a wholly satisfactory breakfast time. We felt the world slipping away as we realized newspapers were not about our disrupted lives, and girlfriends gave up being out of step with our shattered biorhythms and found other lovers

The night held us in its maw. Now it is mostly the cries of the newborn or the demands of work that jerk me into near consciousness. And the night watches of an inner city shabby suburb can be pretty hectic.

Noisy drunks, on the cusp between drinking bouts, conduct curiously dignified rows outside my window. Across the gardens, the strange, dimly-mystic West Indian and his fat white girlfriend are awake behind their improvised table-cloth curtain which reveals more than it hides. Their window is a sordid, inviting, ikon. Their light is on, as it is for a dogwatch hour or so every night. I'm supposed to be stealing a midnight march on a deadline, but instead I

very understanding partner, not so bad if you're single. Holiday times are the biggest strain. And if you have a lot of agency nurses there isn't the community of care, although fortunately this no longer applies here." stare down at the seamy vignette. The Latvian is at his window again: a grey figure, almost transparent, with a brush of white hair. The light from the bare bulb in his room scratches against the parcel-brown wallpaper, Sometimes his gaping, whispy jaws work busily at some divine song. Is the nice old ghoul mourning high-stepping, gaudy, nights in the Riga of long ago? Certainly his world is an interior one. It has no comfort, and no nerrous on a big ward. You're in charge and you have to cope, though there's a good security guard system if you need it. I do take my work

It is becoming light now, and the children are shuffling around, smelling of their tumbled beds. The Latvian's white pigeon is strutting the sill, staring out at its open air fellows and perhaps wondering if this will be the new day when it will rejoin them. Over on Radio 2, beamed to the insomndent and inconsolable, Ray Moore will soon be winding up his sweetly-careful dawn show. Wogan and bourgeois good sense will soon be ascendant. Richard North

INSOMNIAC'S FRIEND Patrick Lunt

and presenter of Radio 2's You and the Night and the Music

I don't know where day and night is bridged: I treat it as a morning programme, though for the first hour or so it feels very late night. In spite of audience research and hundreds of letters you never know exactly who you are talking to; there's such a mixture - long distance lorry drivers, regulars who write in every week. security guards, one or two in hospital, the milkman and his wife, some who are just lonely and treat me as a pen friend. Some have no telephone, no relatives, no one. I think the distance and relative Impersonality allows them to tell you things they wouldn't tell a neigh-bour. You get the odd nasty. Mostly you can read between the lines, say sorry you slept badly'. I have a more laid-back approach working at night. People are nicer then, because the world in general, even if it's going about its business, is less frenetic.... The enormous benefit, personally, is that I have more destinate to spend with our son (He daytime to spend with our son. (He

**NIGHT NURSE** 

Debbie Button

Night sister at the Royal Free Hospital

There are three main reasons why I prefer working nights - apart from the fact that I enjoy

nursing. One is that I get four clear nights off, the second is the extra money and the third is that I have more time for my patients. If they can't sleep I can have a chat, make

them a cop of tea. They tell you their

problems at night, especially on a women's gynae ward."
"The disadvantages are that night

work's very anti-social. You need a

"I have thirty beds to look after

help me. You don't have time to get

home sometimes, worry about patients, if I've done it right. It drives my boyfriend mad but I can't help it.

Tomorrow: Friday Page

The woman behind

Ulster's Ian Paisley



NIGHT DEALER Berthold Oliner

Manager of the card room at a London club and an ex-international bridge player

Gambling is a service industry, so sure, the night people who work in it are nice, they have to be to last. If you lose at cards, even if it's for the moderate sums that change hands in Kalooki, you suffer, bleed

inside a little, I tell the players "so tomorrow is another day, have a cap of tea, don't worry."

"Fifty per cent of our players are women, not young, many widows. A lot are lonely. They come to play cards in pleasant surroundings and to be sociable... I go to all the barmitzvaks and, unfortunately to a number of funerals as well. We have a good relationship with the casino downstairs but that's a different game. Those gamblers are compul-sive. The croupiers are in the

business because they think it's glamorous and well paid, They're not allowed to talk to the costomers. In allowed to talk to the customers. In the card room we fraternise constantly. Sunday night is the busiest of all: I have no car but most of the players live near me, offer me a lift home. Night life plays havoc with your private life. What wife wants a husband at four in the marring? It's ruined four marriages for me, but my present griffiend is a university lecturer who also works weekends, so that's fine.



ALL-NIGHT CABBIE

Night driver for All London Radio Taxis

Business is down. People just don't go out now - the West End's like Blackpool night out - all End's like Blackpool night out - all the cab lights on. Margaret Thatcher and Mac the Hammer did that - closed down a good half dozen gambling clubs. And video's the biggest killer of all. Bad weather helps! I don't like day work, its a different kind of passenger - the sort who's always late and blames the traffic jam on you. Night people have. slowed down, they're out to enjoy themselves. Obviously you get the odd bad one - hilk is the word - the odd bad one - bilk is the word - the guy who doesn't want to pay. Or the one who is propping up the lamp post. Women drunks are the worst if she turns on the heater it's good night, God bless; and you can't touch her in case she shouts rape. "The old fashion villains were good as gold. Today's young ones are deceptive... You've got to be on the radio, in case of trouble or if the wife wants to contact you. Lots of drivers'

contact you. Lots of drivers' marriages break up because they never get to see the wife or kids. If you work proper nights you've got a better chance. It suits me and my family.





## NIGHT PORTER

Head night porter of The Stafford Hotel.

6 I'm like a priest, sworm to secrecy. That's what a good night porter should be - son who helps his guests to unwind, provides them with whatever services they require, with the personal touch ... someone who listens when they want to tell you things but never tells. A lot are in it for mercenary reasons - a bad thing in a night when Walt Disney stayed here, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope. . . . Most of our Prime Ministers know us, heads of state, Royalty, many famous people. This is a traditional hotel, British to the backbone, very high standards. ... Pd say my memory for faces is brilliant: like a Chinaman, I never forget one. I never sleep on duty need more when I'm off than I used. No, I don't mix with the other cierges, though most are friends of mine. In my spare time I like to study form — I applied for Julian Wilson's job you know but his educational background was better! And I baven't missed Wimbledon since 1960! I wouldn't be in the presence of I have formit after I like A business if I had family ties. Like the priest ... celibacy is better.

Judy Froshaug



# As the bishop said

Many of you reading this newspaper will be foreign trav-ellers coming to start of the holiday season. Welcome! And sorry about the

no doubt want to seen some of the great historic institutions of Britain. The Tower of London. Carnaby Street. Sir Roy Strong. But there are other things for which Britain is famous which are not quite so tangible, such as our fighting spirit, our silence in public transport and our sense of humour, and you will no doube want to taste these as well. Today I want to initiate you into the Britsh sense of

Some people say it takes a lifetime to appreciate the British sense of humour. This is nonsense! Ten minutes of study and practice is all that it needs. British humour has now been analysed in our linguistic laboratories and we now know that the formula is so simple that it can be taught in a single

The way it works is this. A British joke comes in two parts. The first part is an ordinary sentence, such as "How would you like a bunch of fives in your face." (an example of the British fighting spirit, by the way) or "I couldn't half do with a pint of bitter". (An example of British wit, by the way, the speaker means that he doesn't want a half of bitter, he wants a

Now, that by itself is not a

### NOREOVER ... Vides Kington

British phrases which have never, so far as I know, been written down, but which consti-tute fully half of any British conversation. The most famous fun finding out. one is, "As the bishop said to the actress." Others, in no particular order, are:

"I bet you say that to all the

"That's the story of my life."
"I thought you'd never ask. Not so loud, or they'll all want one." "And I'm the Queen of

"It's what your right arm's

"No, but I saw the film." All you have to do when an Englishman speaks to you, is select one of these phrases and answer him with it Let's try,

"How would you like a bunch of fives in your face?" "As the bishop said to the

Not quite right, is it? That's because the first sentence provides no chance of a doubleentendre. It would have been different if he'd said, "I can't go on much longer," or "These clothes make it very difficult for me". If the first sentence contains the word "it", you can almost always make a joke with "As the bishop said to the actress." But you will learn with practice. Now, let's try again. "How would you like a bunch of fives in your face?"

"I thought you would never Now, that by itself is not a joke. But when you add a second sentence to it, it becomes a joke. This second doesn't it? Also, I bet you say

that to all the girls would do very well there. No, but I saw the film would not work. It's all a question of getting a feel for it. I am sure you will have much

Note, by the way, that when a man says "I couldn't half do with a pint of bitter," this is one those rare remarks that is too you want to sample the first, serious to be turned into a joke. just say: "Come outside and say

best thing to do is send a request to the editor of Punch, a magazine which has been collecting them for 140 years. When you start practising,

difficult at first, but one gets the hang of it after a while. As the bishop said to the

(I will deal with our fighting spirit and our silence on public transport some other time. If You must always say to him: that again". For the second "Let my buy it for you". "Let my buy it for you".

If you would like a full list of fare, do not say anything back these sentences with which to to him.)

#### CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 38)



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A bit of

ivory in a

Big Apple

In Search of Love

By Ruth Prawer

Flying to Nowhere

(The Salamander Press, £4.95)

Ruth Prawer Jhabvala is of the

Jane Austen school of novelists;

she takes her little bit of ivory and works deliberately within its limits, creating a world

where nothing matters beyond its confines, Just as the Napo-leonic Wars barely impinge upon Mansfield Park, so the last

fifty years, from the 1930s to the present day, are seen in "in Search of Love and Beauty"

merely as milestones in the relationships of a tiny circle of characters. New York is the

of New York, but instantly recognizable, Where else could one find this capacity for total

self-absorption, this particular

conglomeration of "sex drugs, nerves and religion"? Mrs Jhabvala turns her ironic gaze

on a small group of German

ofty New York apartments and

'The Old Vienna" coffee house.

Into their lives comes Leo Kellerman, "a yet undefined genius", who has met Freud and

Reich and who leads them all

for the next forty years in a

the Academy of Potential

Development in a vast Charles

Addamsish mansion in the Hudson Valley. And here, ever

drawn by his personal magnet-

ism - undeniable, however

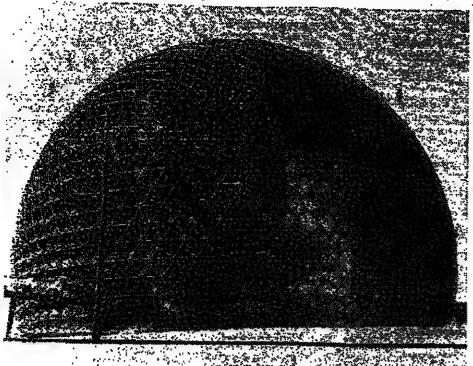
(John Murray, £8.50)

By John Fuller

and Beauty

Jhabvala

## High-tech Pied Piper





Buckminster Fuller's geodesic dome at Expo '67 in Montreal (left) and "Bucky" himself (right).

#### Bryan Appleyard assesses a method of saving the world

Critical Path By R. Buckminster Fuller

Hutchinson, £12.95)

Every individual generates an uitra-high frequency electro magnetic field. The polarity of this field alternates between positive and negative spending on the state of mind of the individual. Highly sensitive satellites will be used to read the dominant polarity of the entire population of the world. A total referendum or opinion poll can thus be conducted instan-

Aluminium spheres one mile in When heated by the sun the air inside will expand to the point where enclosed air plus struc-ture will be lighter than the surrounding atmosphere. The ophers will float skyward occanng aloft several thousand reopie whose relative weight on inis scale would be negligible.

like 500 pages of Buckminster is simply evaded. Few people Nuremberg to Brasilia, their Fuller. Seldom can there have now expect technology to save visions have gone wrong. World been a thinker of such immense us but Bucky does and he is still views are all very well but

matters is why and how he invents them and the quality of his mind. Critical Path may well be his last work (he is 88) and it makes it clearer than ever that his mind is indeed possessed of a sustaining sanity which redeems his dreadful prose and cajoles us to suspend our disbelief and our boredom.

These days it is an odd sensation to be subjected to an utterly confidently expressed vision of earthly regeneration.
Aside from the growth of pseudo-religious fanaticism, we have largely resigned ourselves to a fragmented, partial understanding of the world. Science has advanced too rapidly for us Pigs. you might add, will fly. to retain any overall grasp and But nothing cools scepticism the artistic crisis of modernism

David Holloway, Daily Telegraph

vanity, charm and unnerving up there, a high-tech Pied Piper persuasiveness. Never can such luring the young into optimism sustained, hectoring egotism and belief in limitless wealth

The point is, of course, that to be a confirmed fan of Bucky you do not have to be convinced that any of his inventions will work. What matters is why and how he inventions of the practical man, bucky includes precise instructions as to how this goal might be attained. Essentially this is inventions will work. What via his own variety of radical inventors is why and how he inventions. inventiveness. All inventions along the critical path must be so efficient and workable that entire world must be inevitable.

must be stated in terms of

visionaries who actually want to books they always are; in the do something is that, from real world, almost never.

views are all very well but historically they have either left people dead or as good as in some catastrophic urban development. Bucky's vision is entertaining, exhilarating and, at times, moving but Bucky might not be there to see through and lesser souls would

achieve lesser heavens.

problem along the critical path - the scenery is lousy. Aesthetics are not part of the world view. Perhaps beauty is simply Behind all this are Bucky's so much unnecessary baggage etaphysics, hinging on the until we reach the Promised metaphysics, hinging on the until we reach the Promised belief that our destiny is to be Land. Commenting on his the infinitely efficient, infinitely automated cotton mill, designed materially well-endowed problem-solvers of our part of the universe. There is a God, completely automated. Inadversecretifically reflect the product of the completely automated. scientifically verified by Bucky's tently it became extraordinarily July 12, 1979 version of Ever Rethinking the Lord's Prayer which begins: "To be satisfactory to science all definitions believes the imagination and technology can be one as long as the latter is pursued with Yet the reason we distrust sufficient rigour. In Bucky's

And there is one disturbing

ogus - come Louise Sonnenblick and her family. Their outstanding character-

istic is their ability to take themselves utterly seriously. Louise, once the pattern of a devoted wife and mother, throws herself so entirely into her affair with Leo, despite rejection and humiliation, that even when over seventy, when "it might have been expected that her only concern with her heart would be a clinical one", she thinks of nothing else. Her daughter Marietta, who has made the requisite Indian "trip" of the 1960s, finds her only real interest in her homosexual son Mark, who is by his adopted sister Natasha.

Peripheral characters are briefly drawn into the charmed, incestuous circle, as one mem-ber or another feels the urge for a new partner in the dance; but deep down they all know that the only worthwhile victims to grapple with are each other. The one person to break through is the splendidly anarchic Regi, Louise's oldest friend. Outrageously selfish, scarlet-wigged and trailing gigolos, she delivers home truths with relish and puts the absurdity of Leo's

pretensions into perspective. Thank heaven for Regi. Without her this would be a dull book. Mrs Jhabvala has lost none of her old talent for lation of detail can deaden as

well as engage the imagination.

Flying to Nowhere, the poet
John Fuller's first essay into tyr.

Of course questions crowd forward. For example, a complex web of reasons must lie behind Wilde's creative sterility in his last years. Yet we hear little of the content of his long prison letter to Bosic, from which De Profundis was eventuated. The whole journal, or apologia pro vita sua, is shot through with sensuous lyricism. There is a tale of the young prince fatally screened from reality (all these tales concern princes): Oscar, dying, seeks in such jewelled parables to drown the bleak present. There are fantasies like his mother's telling him, when "like a wounded animal" he sought refuge between trials, that his real father was the patriot poet Smith O'Brien: to which he wonder how he will follow it up.

Isabel Raphael

The Last Testament of Oscar Wilde By Peter Ackroyd

and feelings – unless that other is a product of his own ation to say that the reader will imagination? We may read involuntarily think: So of course Oscar Wilde's personal letters, he did, and here it is. Not only see his plays, study biographies does Peter Ackroyd exert a built on these and on lively masterly command of language

bare recorded facts of a brief yet seemingly eternal period when, after visiting Italy and elsewhere as Sebastian Melmoth, he subsisted in Paris on borrowed funds. Slowly dying from his ear injury contracted in prison and tormented by nightmares, he

Smith O'Brien: to which he ascribes his instinctive identification as an outcast, who

Crime

# Tangerine-Flake Tory

The Purple Decades By Tom Wolfe (Cape £8.95)

Purple, huh? Tom Wolfe, the dude in the White Suit, the man who rapped us with "Radical chic" and the "Me-decade", the man who reached Parts of the Typewriter that other Reporters never rumbled, is now all of 51 and going deep purple. As he might have put it in the early Esquire days: "!!!!!!!" ([1]]
explain what I mean in a
moment; this is just the "downstage voice of the New Journalism.) Lordy, lordy, how Tom flies.

Here, anyhow is a retrospec-tive collection of his work, 21 essays and extracts, from 1964 to 1981, running through the whole mad circus of his American sub-cultures – from Surfers, Acid Freaks, West Side Divorcees, and Soho Bohos, to Divorcees, and Soho Bohos, to Astronauts, Moonies, Manhattan Socialites, Mid-Atlantic Men, Pop Painters, and "Down-Filled People" - "they wear down-filled coats in public. Out on the ski-slopes they look like hand-grenades. They drive two-door cars with instrument panels like an F-16's."

Altogether it covers the entire spectrum of his bizarre, won-derfully funny, High Journa-lism, and displays a distinct and steady colour change - tone-shift, red-shift - from the ecstatic "Kandy-Kolored Tanrefugees, who have comfortably transferred their wealth and adapted their social position to gerine-Flake" of the mid-sixties, to the increasingly dispeptic Purple and Puce of his most recent attacks on Modern Art (The Painted Word, 1975) and Modern Architecture (From Bauhaus to Our House, 1981). Wolfe's grin, in fact, becomes something of a snarl: from Electric-Kool to Juvenal. It's all still immensely exhil-

tortuous country dance of sex and exploitation. He finally reaches his peak at the age of seventy, in the foundation of his special form of baroque, euphuistic, glossy-magazine prose with a gusto that it is quite breathtaking. One has to go back to the Regency - to Hazlitt, to Charles Lamb - for anything equivalent in English English. (Indeed it is arguable that what Wolfe calls the "New Journalism" (1973) really began with Hazlitt's essay The Fight (1822), recounting the pugilistic combat between Bill Neate and The Gasman a mile to the left of Hungerford, in much the same way that Wolfe describes the Stock Car Races at the North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Carolina.) It is comic. hyperbolic prose, that gets right inside the language, attitudes, accents and reflexes of subjects: and it is masterly in presenting an action, a drama. ... The voice tells you (on a flight from Phoenix preparing for its final approach into Kennedy Airport, New York, just after dawn):

**Richard Holmes** reports on the thoughts of a

Kandy-Kolored Konservative with a passion for the Right Stuff and his

pilgrimage to the true heartland of Blueberry Pie



Tom Wolfe

the control panel that's tryin' to tell us that the landin gears re not ... uh ... lockin into position when we lower'em... Now I don't believe that little ol' red light knows what it's talking about....' Freeze.

visual. Wolfe writes like an anthropologist. (A "Martian" is greet it with a slightly quizzical the current term). Clothes, cycbrow: that Tom Wolfe furniture, hair-styles, hand ges-tures, brand name food and 'Now, folks, uh . . . this is the drink, ways of walking sitting, prose. Well, hell, Tom, there's captain... ummmm... We've moving in and out of a room, no stoppin ya.

are marvellously observed and reproduced (often mimed). The satire always move from exterior surface to interior value, status, ambition.

"The new liberated working man would live as the Cultivated Ascetic. He would be modelled on the BA-degree Greenwich Village bohemian of the late 1940's – dark wool Hudson Bay shirts, tweed jackets, flannel trousers, briarwood pipes, good books, san-dals and simplicity - except he would live in a Worker Housing project." So much for the visionary architects at Yale and

But while the radical style has remained constant, the direction of the satire has become more conservative. This is the keynote of the collection. If there is one dominant theme in The Purple Decades, it is Wolfe's rediscovery of the All American Hero, (Europe and Britain slide steadily into the penumbra.) The Dandy is drawn to the Man of Action; the White Suit salutes - well - the Red Neck, We glimpse this carly on in the piece on Junior Johnson. Stock Car Racer (1965), who represents the old true breed of small-town, Appalachian coolness and good of boy physical bravado, "the rural Southern code of honor and courage". It recurs more openly in The Truest Sport: Jousting with Sam and Charlie (1975) about a pair of US Navy (1975), about a pair of US Navy fighter pilots flying hair-raising combat missions from a carrier into North Vietnam.

It reaches its apogee in The Right Stuff (1979), Wolfe's best and most sustained work, (two long extracts), which follows the career of the Mercury Project astronauts and their initiation into the secret "fraternity" of absolute bravery: "Naturally this was never mentioned. Yet there it was. Manliness, manhood, manly courage... there was something ancient, primor-dial, irresistable about the challenge of this stuff, no matter what a sophisticated and rational age one might think he lived in.'

This moral pilgrimage through the Purple to the true heartland of Blueberry Pic. gives one much food for thought. Of course the Dandy and Daredevil have always been close allied (vide Brummell or Baudelaire); but Wolfe's growing passion for national virtue. for the "right stuff" as opposed to the "wrong stuff", is clearly indicative of something much larger, an historic mood powerfully at work there across the Atlantic. (Does President Reagan have the "right stuff" one wonders?) British readers may would instantly raise into a flighty parabola of mocking

SANDY GALL

Excellent... It is wonderful to see the picture that Evelyn

Engaging and entertaining...he has been a privileged

repenings this century.' Stewart Dalby, Financial Tim

from row spectator at some of the most convulsive

'A resstering broth of a book, by a fine journalist."

Waugh painted in Scoop still seems true."

Don't worry

about the

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Hamish Hamilton

## linging to the Wreckage

Exceptionally touching and tunny — The Tinnes

'Enchantingly witty ... should be held as the model for all autobiographies of our times' - Auberon Waugh

Even if this book were not exhilaratingly well-written, and often hilarious, it would repay reading for its wisdom and its human depth' - Sunday Times

'He has produced another masterpiece' - Books and Bookmen

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And just published by Allen Line - In Character, a collection of the best of he Sunday Times interviews,



## Oscar winner

(Hamish Hamilton, £7.95)

tormented by nightmares, he consorted with youths and pimps; on the boulevards pointed out with scorn, in restaurants all too often requested to leave.

despises yet yearns for recog-nition. When he shows the journal to Frank Harris and Bosie. Harris dismisses it.

tripping him on inaccurate details - and indeed there are plenty, no doubt intentional. Bosic abruptly says that though, mind of any other man to lies... absurd and mean and reproduce, his secret thoughts foolish", he should publish it.

descriptions by friends, rela-tives and enemies, yet conceiv-ably not reach the man himself. paradox, but he captures the So, in this absolutely stunning raw vulnerability of the man book, how near does Peter isolated behind his mask. During his miserable school-days, Wilde tells us – I mean Oscar Wilde is no less than a re-For The Last Testament of Ackroyd tells us - he learnt the Oscar Wilde is no less than a recentique of disarming by creation of Wilde during his last caricature. In adulthood he four months of life, clothing the formed the habit of lying to bare recorded facts of a brief yet himself, pursuing Beauty and

Mary Cosh

## Messy life and clever spies

Think Big, Think Dirty

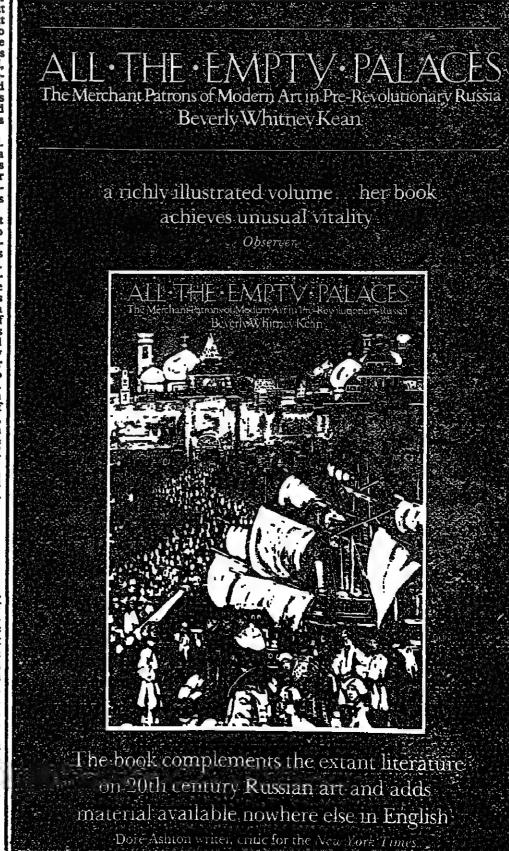
whose ninth book this is, with a alas ultimately on the topmost it, his actual writing is oddly story (Lefty Whitehail spy-catplane. Garner is betrayed, I repartative and the whole grips cher and a Mole, in essence) think, by his reliance at times much less than it should. But it that gives him ample and on the old suspense trick of tries. unstrained opportunity to consider with us what should be our attitude to the mess we call life. He tells it in a marvellous atmosphere of men manoeuvring, showing us thus what in larger wattliffs is and he call to purely literary mystification, Fletcher writes with a genuine though of a sort that would be intensity that etches the memory, showing us thus what in larger wattliffs is and he call to the mean structure. But his stature, his nearness fleetstreeter becomes an acte ing, showing us thus what in But his stature, his nearness Fleetstreeter becon large part life is, and he to Le Carré/Deighton, is illus- gratuite murderer. nicely pungent observations spy fiction saying something, a ... H. R. F. Keating illuminates the telling with trated by a similar venture into

("Morpurgo was beginning to good American first novel, feel like an ecumenical delegate, Convergence by Jack Fuller radically different in dogma but (Hodder & Stoughton, £7.95). obliged, as his Christian duty, to This is an attack on the By William Garner

(Heinemann, £7.95)

This is an attack on the philosophy of the CIA, old hat but a good deal subtler than spy procedures, those ever-fasmost earlier ones, combined cinating semi-facts, with impressive veracity, and his innocent, well drawn indeed, people are such as we can involved in the dirty world. Fuller has something to put that do all the work of the novel proper and carry with them an lent ("The dengency purple of opposition is the way) but proper and carry with them an lent ("The dangerous purple of opposition, is the way), but, extra edge. Here is William hot temper and high living") though he has chosen fiction as Garner, a lesser known figure and we are riding high. Not, the most effective means to do

£15.50



Barrie & Jenkins:



## THE TIMES DIARY

#### Israel's new man

I confidently expect that the Israeli cabinet will this weekend confirm the appointment of Yehuda Avner as the new ambassador to London, to succeed Shlomo Argov who was shot in June last year. Admittedly Avner's is by my count the eleventh name to come to the fore. My revelation that Elihu Lankin, who commanded a gun-running boat during the anti-British terrorist campaigns, was going to be nomi-nated for the job effectively scuppered his chances.

Since then General Shlomo Arel had become favoured candidate. Avner, though, has the advantage of English birth, being a native of Manchester who emigrated to Israel 30 years ago. A civil servant, he has been political adviser and English speechwriter to the Prime Minister, who now favours his appointment

#### Artful doings

The £60m takeover battle over Southeby's is not the only wrangle causing acrimony in the art world. Each year the Government gives £1m to help regional and university museums to buy works of art. Subject to a nominal right of veto by the Arts Minister, allocation is in the gift of Sir Roy Strong, director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, But with the V & A soon to be removed from direct ministerial control and become a trustee museum, MPs are pressing for the £1m to be distributed by the Museums and Galleries Commision. While the minister consults, Strong is busily lobbying. Despite his eloquence I expect the MPs to prevail.

#### Savoy fare

To please Professor Arnold Bender, who says we are all saltaholics, and to launch a sodium-free salt substitute called Selora, which is to salt what Stork was to butter, the Savoy chef Anton Edelmann yesterday produced an entirely salt-free menu. It was, be boasted, the first completely desalinated meal in the world, but I am inclined to take that with a pinch of, well, you know

#### Timely quip

The extremely beautiful and charming Princess Michael of Kent gave what may have been the first royal interview to have been broadcast live when she was guest of the week on Woman's Hour yesterday. Asked about the critical press coverage she has received, she replied winingly: "I and only read The Times."

#### Consuming

After an acrimonious confrontation on Monday's BBC Breakfast Time programme Gerard Vaughan, the minister for consumer affairs, gallantly offered Elizabeth Filkin. the director of the National Association of Citizens' Advice Buseaux 3 lift from the studio in his ministerial car. Thanks to the unexploded German bomb, the two were stuck in the traffic together for more than two hours. "It did give me an opportunity to get our views across," Filkin said airily yesterday, but even so the minister ha announced an independent review of the running of the organization.

#### Buxton ho

The theme of this summer's Buxton Festival is Boccaccio, and flight to the hills for sybaritic entertainment. Not only will there be a retrospective of Pasolini's Boccaccio films and two operas. Vivaldi's Griselda and Gounod's La Colombe, inspired by Boccaccio stories, but the festival is recruiting a cast of one hundred to read the complete Decameron, ten chapters on each of ten days. Artists of every sort will be press ganged for this first public reading of the bawdy classic, but others to be invited to read chapters include Lord Goodman; the Duke of Devonshire; Lady Spencer, who reopened Buxton spa last year, her mother, Barara Cartland, whose books are rather like Boccaccio diluted with spa water; Gerald Kaufman, who is a festival fan; and Roy Hattersley, who was rash enough to mention one in print

#### Get the drift?

Scots! Hold on to your snowballs! Colin Reid, lecturer in public law at Aberdeen University, counsels that my declaration that snowballing is now legal in Scotland was a mite premature. The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 has come into force for most purposes, and is intended to replace various local Acts and the Burgh Police (Scotland) Acts 1892 to 1911, as I said - but the older legislation remains in force for the time being, and will not cease to have effect until the end of 1984 or such other date as the Secretary of

State may specify.
It would be a mean old procurator fiscal who brought charges under the leglislation, but it could happen, and the transitional period is to allow local authorities to produce any bylaws they consider necessary to deal with things not covered in the new Act - like snowballing.



happened to the first cuckoo?

Irving Kristol reports on America's controversial line on El Salvador

# The only way for Reagan

New York If Jimmy Carter had been elected president in 1980, what would US policy now be toward El Salvador? Does anyone really think that it would differ essentially from President Reagan's, which can be fairly described as "minimal, defensive intervention"? Or, for that matter, what would a President Mondale's policy be? The rhetoric might be different, but this would not affect the substance of policy.

Any president would find in this case he had very little freedom of action. He certainly would be reluctant to send in troops; Amerireluctant to send in froops; Americans are having enough trouble governing themselves without trying to govern El Salvador. On the other hand, he is not going to sit by and watch El Salvador join Cuba and Nicaragua as another "Marxist" dictatorship supported by and allied with the Soviet Union.

with the Soviet Union. It is conceivable, if barely, that an American president would take seriously the public suggestions of some Latin American countries, and of the West European allies, that we push the government of El Salvador to negotiate with the rebel forces, in the hope of establishing some sort of popular front" government.

He would quickly find that to be a blind alley. If the rebels were interested in mere political participation, they would not have boycotted the last elections. A government that emerges from such

an election is not about to appoint revealed every time we encounter guerrilla leaders to its cabinet, especially when these leaders have made it quite clear that they are interested in nothing less than total power, undisturbed by free elections.

The Reagan policy in El Salvador is pretty much an inevitable policy for any administration. So why is it so controversial?

The answer, in part, has some-thing to do with the spirit of demagogic opportunism that today envelops the Democratic Party when it is in opposition. That party, and especially its liberal wing, has come close to believing that it is the only legitimate governing party, and that its task is not merely to win the next election but to destroy any Republican administration that presumes to sit in office.

Such demagogic opportunism, however, would itself run the risk of affronting public opinion were it not sanctioned and legitimized by a set of ideas that are unexamined truths for influential sections of the media and academia. In the case of El Salvador, there are two such ideas that cloak irresponsibility with the mantle of statesmanship. The first is a simple-minded, "progressive" economic determinism. The second is a self-inflicted verdict of guilt when confronted with militant, leftwing, egalitarian ideologies.

This economic determinism, so ingrained a mental habit that even conservative politicians resort to it without a second thought, is

poor country. We immediately start thinking about the nation's poverty as being beyond doubt the "funda-mental cause" of the political

Practically every country in Latin America - and El Salvador most notably - has a long history of political instability, social unrest, and economic ineptitude. Why is this so? Why has it been so for more than 150 years? No one seems able to come up with a plausible answer. All one can say is that the traditions - political, religious, cultural - that shape Latin American thinking and behaviour are such as to make it exceedingly difficult for the countries of South America to proceed along the line followed by North

America and Western Europe. Whatever decent solution might exist to the internal problems of Latin America lies in the womb of time. We can offer economic assistance, of course, and where political stability exists, economic aid can be helpful. But political stability is the essential prerequisite. This is most especially and obviously the case when the government confronts a well-organized guerrilla insurgency, since a major goal of the insurgents is, precisely, to destroy the economy. This is exactly what is happening in El Salvador.

The other main ideological problem derives from the fact that when faced by a political opposition

unrest or turmoil or subversion in 2 justice" - a presumptive economic egalitarianism enforced by political coercion - Americans immediately feel defensive and impotent.

We are so disoriented by that appeal to "social justice" that we immediately, in our minds, begin to delegitimize the existing regime by wondering whether it really does have popular support, or by focusing on the various inadequacies (eg. military incompetence) and sins (eg. violations of human rights) of that regime. The inadequacies are real enough, as are the sins. But somehow we do not get similarly upset when we see such inadequacies and sins in left-wing regimes, nor do we spontaneously seek for reasons to think better of the insurgencies they have to cope

The issue in El Salvador is just about as clear-cut and simple as any foreign policy issue can be. The options are limited, the choice would seem to be obvious. What is absurdly complicated, to the point of being self-destructive, is the state of mind with which so many influential Americans approach this

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Chronology of the Iran-Iraq war October 1979: traq demands abrogation of 1975 treaty delineating border with Iran In disputed Shatt-al-Arab waterway, calls on iran to evaluate strategic islands at mouth of Guit; demands autonomy for Iran's Baluch, Kurdish and Arab communities. November 1: Demands rejected. December 14-Merch 29, 1930: Border

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mber 1981: Abaden siege lifted. May 1982: Khorramshahr recaptured after Iranian soring offensive.

June 1982: tragi forces withdraw from kan ايلال 1982: Iranian army crosses into iraq. Heaviest fighting of war. Total deaths on both sides since it began put at 150,000. February 1983: New Iranian offensiv fizzies out after early reverses. April 1983: Ireal protest at continued

## Inside war-torn Iraq: will Saddam be the last victim?

military initiative. Peace attempts run into the obstacle of Ayatollah Khomeini's passionate antipathy to the Iraqi President, Saddam Husain, and his insistence on Saddam's removal as an Iranian war aim.

The Ayatollah evidently believes that if he keeps up the pressure long enough, Iraq is bound to crack. He may not be wrong.

The Iraqi president is now increasingly dependent on Arab paymasters who would gladly ditch him if they could be sure of a stable peace. He is seeking desperately to broaden his domestic political base and has made overtures to a wide range of opposition forces proposing a national coalition government.

These forces include leftists, democratic nationalists, Islamic groups and - perhaps most signifi-cantly - Kurdish parties involved in a long-drawn-out guerrilla struggle in the northern mountains.

The Kurds are Iraq's biggest opposition group. After dark their guerrilla forces control large areas of northern Iraq. In the past President Saddam's regime has been ruthless especially Kurdish opposition. That he should now offer power-sharing to a group like the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), which has played a leading role in the Kurdish guerrilla struggle, suggests that he is indeed a desperate man.

President Saddam is going ahead defiantly with a few prestige projects like the \$2,000m mosque in Baghdad. Yet public servants

Now that the elation over the triumph of Gandhi's Oscars has

waned, a straw poll of established

UK producers and directors reveals

cinema'

can contain the occasional Iranian cent. Payments to Iraqi contractors offensives but cannot regain the 'are reportedly being postponed for

Iraq is seeking to reschedule nearly 2,000 million dollars of payments due this year on its total debt of about \$7,000m. Foreign reserves have fallen from more than \$30,000m before the war to less than \$5,000m today. The present shortfall in revenue is estimated by western analysts to range from 500 to 960 thousand million dollars a month. The regime has even resorted to selling public sector industries to private capital.

The key question is what position the Gulf states will adopt in the present financial crisis. Hitherto they have spent \$46,000m in loans to Iraq. Saudi Arabia is believed to have given an extra thousand million dollars a month plus an additional amount of about 6-7,000 million dollars in January.

This last payment seems to have come in the wake of a joint plot by Iran and Syria against Iraq. The plan was, allegedly, for an Iranian attack to coincide with a Syrian move to cut the Aqaba-Baghdad highway at their common border in the Mafraq area. Because of the involvement of Syria and Libya, both allies of the Soviet Union, the western camp closed ranks behind the Iraqi regime. Saudi Arabia provided finance. The French even opened their military stores to the Iraqi army in addition to giving credit to French companies operat-

Reports are that this latest hand-

As the financial noose has tightened in recent months, so President Saddam was led to make small political offerings to the Kurds Kurds drafted into the army have been allowed to serve in Kurdish areas, Kurdish prisoners have been released and thousands of Kurdish deserters given amnesty.

The reason for these concessions is that the northern Kurdish areas of Iraq have been slipping from his grasp. The countryside there is out government control from dusk onwards. Like Lilliputians tying down Gulliver, the Kurdish guerrillas have effectively trussed up the regime through many small-scale raids and operations. Anyone the Kurds may consider worth kidnappin - government officials, foreign engineers - travels in convoy under military escort. President Saddam needs to neutralize the Kurds, at the very least. It would be even better for him, of course, to raily their

The dilemma of whether to join a coalition regime is particularly perplexing for the Kurds. They have learned from experience not to trust others. When they have no real guarantee that any future regime in Baghdad will do any better by them, can they really afford to ignore the bait of autonomy that President Saddam is dangling?

Any autonomus Kurdistan with a measure of internal democracy coexisting alongside an autocratic regime in Baghdad is like an elephant inside a boa constrictor out exasperated the Saudis, who are fundamentally indigestible. And one

device to buy time. On the other hand, if he feels that his survival is at stake, he is capable of taking any kind of gamble to stay in power.

Though the largest Iraqi Kurdish guerrilla group - Jalal Talabani's PUK - was negotiating indirectly with President Saddam as recently as January, it is now anxious to give the impression that its dealings with the regime are over. The ostensible reasons are the united front it has newly created with 19 other Iraqi opposition groups and the regime's

present weakness. Some Kurds argue that even an Islamic Republic in Iraq would be preferable to the present regime. Such a regime would be unpopular, unstable and, above all unbeloved by the West. The West might then perhaps be led to support the Kurds' claim for an independent state that was denied them after the First World War. (There are 16 million Kurds living in Iraq, Iran, Turkey

The Kurds are themselves, however, deeply divided and Saddam Husain, even with his back to the wall, is a clever politician. If, for example, he is able to bring some Kurds into the regime, can others afford to stay out? Suppose he concedes one of the major Kurdish demands - the stationing of 20,000

Kurdish troops in their own area with an international guarantee? Whatever they say publicly, the Kurds cannot afford to stay out of Saddam's deadly game.

Helga Graham

## Building on the glory of Gandhi

only guarded optimism over the industry's future. "I'd like to think this has broken through a few barriers. We shall see", said Verity Lambert, EMI's new head of production. "It's amazing that the at a minute fraction of their real press does one piece each year and then forgets us", said Alan Parker. First to protest was the Associ-This Government is intent on ation of Independent Producers reducing existing support for the (which includes David Puttnam). commented one trate Since then the new 200-strong Directors Guild of Great Britain has industrialist. "In effect the success of Gandhi simply increases confidence called for a reversal of government in a tiny handful of people. It policy. The Guild is also banking on doesn't help the industry as a an audio-visual revolution in the near future; with the advent of cable, Since November 1982 the industhey say, television, cinema and

as sources of funding.

new company which would put stars

such as Glenda Jackson and Albert

Finney on the West End stage and

then broadcast the performances

abroad on cable. Now Lord Grade.

as part if the US Embassy

Communications company, has bought the US pay-TV and cable rights to Gandhi — a deal that went through the week before the Oscars

and is worth a reported \$17m about

try has been gripped by mild panic at the prospect of lain Sproat, Under Secretary of State for Trade, abolishing the Eady levy, a ticket tax originally created to help British producers. Most film-makers agree that in practive Eady has not worked for a long time, and that the National Film Finance Corporation which it funds has never met its brief - to stimulate commercial yet indigenous British films. But they Oppose its abolition because it would remove the last shred of protective clothing guarding the film industry from the competition of television which shows huge numbers of films

company that nurtured Gandhi, is selling David Puttnam's First Love TV series for cinema release. Goldcrest sales chief Bill Gavin recently explained that "everything has changed in the space of 18 months, simply because American cable is now devouring everything we can supply, and paying larger sums than we ever imagined in the process". In Britain, Rediffusion, the TV rentals company involved in theatre will flow together both as cable development, have already platforms for artistic expression and invested £1.5m in film and TV production, with the promise of In December, Lord Grade set up a more to follow.

But the question remains: will the City invest in the tapidly changing film business? Clive Parsons (producer of Gregory's Girly: "At least the awards will focus people's attitudes here on our successes abroad". Jeremy Thomas, producer of two of Nicolas Roeg's pictures, feels the Oscars "can only do good on the finance side. The industry has been considered a failure, wrongly, for too long." But Tony Williams,

former head of Rank's now-defunc production programme, is cautious:
"The response last year, after Chariots, was virtually nil. The finance will only come if the City can see exactly how they're getting their money back, and we haven't got the marketing strength to ensure

With foreign TV sales and careful marketing, a modestly-budgeted film can new hardly lose money. And on a major project like Gandhi, which cost \$20m, the figures can be mouth-watering: with the \$17m sale to Lew Grade and its worldwide cinema release, Gandhi should make a net profit of at least \$30m. So why doesn't investment pour in? At the top end of the sale, backers were alarmed by the collapse of Lord

with piracy and the TV companies.

With that support we could stimu-

Grade's huge programme of "inter-national" films two years ago. It has been said that the British film industry is a marsh infested with the buzzing of pressure groups. amateurs, and professional mourners. Alan Parker and his colleagues in the Directors Guild fall into none of those categories. "I believe we can crack the world market," says Parker, "if only we can get government support in our struggle

late the City investment."

#### Ronald Butt

## Yon Cassius, Foot's unlikely hero

The programme for the Royal a man with this kind of pride, Shakespeare Company's new pro-Shakespeare's, if not the historical, duction of Jalius Caesar (which the Caesius who critics do not exactly urge us to rush to see) is eccentric in typographical design and ingenious in content. Julius Caesar is a political play, and as though to compensate the audience for any disappointment with what happens to it on the stage, the programme is embellished with (among much else) political com-

ment.
"Eminent contemporary political figures" are asked the following Alevel question: "Were the conspirators right to have assassinated Julius Caesar for the public good, in order to prevent the creation of what med to them a virtual dictator-

ship?"
Six of the seven replies were judicious in content and would satisfy the examiner's requirement that the question answered must be the question asked. General Sir. John Hackett concluded that the question involved in this assassin-ation was essentially the same as that which would be involved in deciding to launch a nuclear attack if the public good seemed to require it and confessed: "I do not know the

Sir Harold Wilson thought it was not "appropriate" to assassinate a national leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, and Mr Peter Jenkins of The Guardian, thought Caesar's assassination unjustified because it ushered in a worse dictatorship than Caesar's Mr Enoch Powell, in a neat reference to the plot of Essex against Elizabeth I, observed contentedly: "How happy England, with legitimacy to be its shield against impending perils!" In this galaxy of sober comment,

however, one contribution shone with a quite peculiar light, illumina-ting the commentator far more than the subject. Mr Michael Foot replied: "Cassius is the real hero of the play, the real man of flesh and blood and feeling, the true, responsible, far-seeing revolutionary. Maybe Shakespeare himself wanted to call this, the greatest of his political plays, by its proper name. But some theatrical agent or promoter stepped in and insisted that the title Julius Caesar was necessary for box office purposes."

Thus, alone of the respondents, Mr Foot dodges the question. He escapes by lauding a hero-figure. Cassius becomes a kind of Roman Nye Bevan. This kind of escapism is, of course, characteristic of Mr Foot's political utterances generally significance. It arises from the split political personality of a man who, in his private political fantasies, broods favourably on revolutionary scenarios elsewhere that his other parliamentary and law-abiding self could never countenance at home.

Still more illuminating, however, is Mr Foot's nomination of Cassius as "the real hero . . . the far-seeing revolutionary." (Did Cassius foresee The war between Iraq and Iran, now salaries, including those of officers, two and a half years old, has settled into a stalemate. Iraq's armed forces

The war between Iraq and Iran, now salaries, including those of officers, growing increasingly restive. Even interpretation of President Saddam's revolutionary." (Did Cassius foresee the Gulf states cannot go on present strategy by opponents is that these events in the Cassars that these events are not more than a transparent of the Cassars that these events. precipitated?) It is the admiration of one man with a lean and hungry look for another. The parallel quite startling. Like the Cassius of aesar's description. Mr Foot "reads much; he is a great observer. .

Such men as he be never at heart's

Whiles they behold a greater than themselves And therefore are they very dangerous

Most people's politics are probably determined more by genetic predisposition than they care to think, and Mr Foot's are those of an instinctive anti-powers-that-be-man, an overturner. He finds it hard to pay respect to the existing order. To

... had as lief not be as live to be In awe of such a thing as I myself would naturally be appealing.

So to such a character he gives heroic status, even though Cassins makes false propaganda to win Brutus to his cause:

. [ will this night, In several hands, in at his windows throw. As if they came from several Writings all tending to the great.

That Rome holds of his name.

What is a little trickery of this sort compared with what goes on inside the Labour Party? What is Cassins's bitter tirade against Caesar com-pared with Mr Foot's notion of truth that made him say of Mrs Thatcher, "She worships the profit motive, the money test. Nothing else, no other value in life, is allowed to count."

Yet, of course, there is a difference. Mr Foot (even metaphorically) is not prepared to wield the revolutionary dagger to usher in the social revolution that will make all men equal and create a fine new order. He will not abandon constitutional ways, for he is a parliamentman content to admire great revolutionaries from his armchair. That is his and our safeguard. As for making Cassius his hero, that you might say is no more than literary

But it is very careless jeu d'esprit, and Mr Foot is habitually more careless about facts and consequences than politicians who wish to be taken seriously ought to be. In this case, he has little excuse. He is essentially a bookish, when not a ranting, man. The old bibliophile is the name that Mr Alan Watkins has coined for him. So he should be aware that Shakespeare's Cassius is a man of envy and resentment, a man who had he lived to enjoy power would probably (as the great quarrel with Brutus over Cassius's bribery shows) have been corrupted by it.

The same is true of the historical Cassius. If Cassius had defeated Octavian and Antony, would the empire of the Cassiuses have been better than that of the Caesars? Why does not Mr Foot know that every new order (most conspicuously Lenin's) has been corrupted by power and that the case against his socialist new order is that in the modern world it gives greater power to the state than any other system. The historical Cassius killed

Caesar not for institutional liberty but to restore the power of the aristocratic order. Apart from proud dislike of the existing power, he had little in common with Mr Foot's aspirations. But they did share one thing. Cassius seemed no more aware of the consequences of his deed than Mr Foot worries about the consequences of inflating the econ-omy with £10,000m, taking us out of the European Economic Community, putting up protectionist shutters and unilaterally renouncing

Caesar's death by 23 wounds only made matters worse. But they were bad anyway. "Debauched by dema-gogues and largess, the Roman People were ready for the Empire and the dispensation of bread and circuses" was the comment on these events by that great authority. Professor Ronald Syme.

Fortunately, the British people do not seem to be ready for the notdissimilar bread and circuses offered by Mr Foot's Labour Party. Fortunately, also, Mr Foot is really no Cassius. The Irony is that in his own party he is more likely to be metaphorically knifed than knifing.

#### Susan Marling

## Seeing red over the Blues

Joseph Horowitz is a hard man to shock. A composer and professor of music at the Royal College gets to hear some strange noises. Electronic music produced by hitting the exhaust pipe of a 1959 BSA motorbike with a rusty spanner, tunes which have much in common with the rumbling of a full stomach, concertos for a bagpipe and Bex Bissel Shampoo-Master. But what I took him came as a genuine

From the Redifussion music factory in Orpington I had been given a six-pack of background music cassettes. Twenty four hours of neatly categorized numbers -Red, Green, Blue and - wait for it -Beautiful Music. Listening to it all was like eating chips with gloves on. What musical chemistry could produce such blandness? I packed the cassettes in a violin case and went to see the master,

We began with some Green. Green is middle of the road. Very suitable for foyers and lifts and other places where there's a minimal chance of an attentive audience. Horowitz gave the first tune, "London Town", his full attention. He frowned and made little tapping movements with his foot. This music has been made by s mebody very clever," he said eventually.
"It's a sound which reminds you of music but isn't. An excellent engineer has taken a chord sequence and just devised a pattern of harmonic variations. There's no pronounced melody and beat that you can follow and the chords hang on in a way that it's difficult to tap your foot in time.

"One of the first jobs I ever had at the Bristol Old Vic. I had to compose background music for the interval. I nearly lost the job because couldn't write music that people Chris Auty | wouldn't listen to. It's very difficult.

"Most composers have something in their music which makes it exciting or disturbing so that you can't help but be involved. This, you see has had every idiosyncracy removed. Remarkable. As I say, it is anti-music, but I pay tribute to the gangster who created it."

I was just getting going on the Red (the "big beat sound, with brass percussive rhythm and discreetly spaced vocals") when we were interrupted. Before I could switch the machine off another music teacher caught a few bars of "Get Up and Boogie" and narrowed her eyes. You can't imagine what a torture it is when they play that stuff in restaurants. You see, if you're a musician you have to listen.

We drove on into the Blue-Romanuc piano and strings with relaxed rhythm predominating."
Only the titles of the numbers were faintly ironic: "There's a Kind of Hush", "How Long Has This Been Going On?" and "Music Speaks Louder than Words". I asked the professor if any of the great composers work would stand the Green or Blue treatment "No", he said. "I think a bad pupil of Vivaldi would be the nearest in classical terms. This is music arranged by uninterested people but beautifully engineered. It's as though a computer has written the verse inside 2 birthday card and cut out all the emotive words."

I packed my cassettes away and could hear some students practising jazz. There was a piano and saxophone. I wondered if they would ever try to get a holiday job in a hotel and be turned down in favour of a Micro 2 endless loop machine stuffed to the gunnels with Blue. It wasn't until I was out of the building that I noticed from the publicity material that Rediffusion's telex code is SONATA. Joseph Horowitz would have liked that.

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### **CHICAGO**

The city Martin Luther King It speaks of the disarray of the lose their place as the premier called the most segregated in the machine bequeathed by Mayor racial minority in the numerical North has a new black mayor. Daley - thanks to Mr Washing-"The whole nation is watching." Mr Harold Washington said yesterday, "as Chicago has sent a powerful message." Indeed this urban political spectacle has attracted an international audience, made up in part of everwatchful anti-Americans greedy for evidence of social ills, in part of America's friends, who have been at once fascinated and tial apartheid. repelled by the overt racialism and violence of the contest yet somehow exhilarated by the vigour of municipal politics in a great city. And what a contest. Mr Washington is a lacklustre former Congressman and a tax evader whose canvassing in a local prison was greeted by one newspaper as "homecoming". His opponent's disabilities began for it knew only one motto and that was power. The recent with the fact that he is a tenure of the mayoralty in Los Republican in a city where they Angeles is instructive here: Tom

message from Mr Washington's election is mixed. ton D.C. - the reverse. As blacks

weigh Democratic votes; Jewish

in a city of Polish and Irish anti-

semites; a former patient in psychiatric hospitals and

perhaps the least disadvantage -

a beard-wearer in a city where, in

1968, Mayor Richard Daley's

in order to draw their night-

Hispanics so their political leverage in the federal governton's predecessor Mayor Jane Byrne - and the belated rise of black political organization of a ment declines: the black caucus type that has carried blacks into in Congress is in decline. Blacks city administration across the in Washington still have some North East of the United States. veto power but during an in parts of the South and in administration indifferent to California. The election was a their political aspirations (witdelayed psephological expression ness the President's misguided of the "white flight" that has attempt to roll back the Voting made Chicago a city of residen- Rights Act) and their economic plight (black unemployment Yet there are grounds for optimism that Mr Washington remains stubbornly some nine percentage points above that for will be able to establish himself. white males) they make scant He is no radical, not even a black positive contribution to policyleader in the mould of the Rev making. Even a Democrat presi-Jesse Jackson: it is likely there dent as liberal as Mr Walter Mondale might be as unlikely to will be accommodation with the listen to black political lobbyists remnants of the Daley machine, with undivided attention; other

Bradley, a mediocre performer Yet Mr Washington's election shows clearly the vital role of in some regard, constructed a black political organization at useful alliance with city business leaders which on the evidence of local level; in some of the black city wards he received 94 per the forthcoming Olympic Games cent of the vote which has been boosted by active registration campaigns. Black voting regis-For American politics at large police had only to see facial hair the message from Chicago has trations could, by the time of next year's presidential pritwo parts. One is that the election presages no rise of black maries, be at an all-time high political influence in Washingfact for both parties to weigh.

Party's coalition.

vocal minorities now press

themselves into the Democratic

#### WHEN JUSTICE MISCARRIES

has served the city well.

No country's system of trial is are sometimes appalling. Men convicted, but we are sentenced. Justice believes, sequences of unjust conviction however, from its experience, sequences of unjust conviction however, from its experience, sequences of unjust conviction however, from its experience, sequences of unjust convictions to that there are some 200 to 300 miscarriages of imprisonment

The English trial system is: weighted in favour of the proportion of them are righted.
accused. It insists on an Last November, the House of
extremely high standard of proof Commons Home Affairs Comsecond tier of appeal.

through uncorrected, and they occurred.

proof against error, and none is have spent months, sometimes free of the occasional miscarriage many years in prison because of justice. The English adver- someone wrongly identified sarial system with its reliance on them, or a key witness was not what happens in court on the day called at the trial, or an appar-of trial, is perhaps more prone to ently truthful witness is achieving an incorrect result subsequently found to be than the continental inquisa- corrupt, or just because the jury torial approach, in which far believed the wrong person. more investigation is done Occasionally, the efforts of the before the case reaches court. In organization Justice or of indilogic, it is as much of an injustice vidual writers like Mr Ladovic that a guilty defendant goes free Kennedy, or campaigns in newsthan that an innocent man is papers, draw attention to misconvicted, but we are struck carriages and, with luck, they are more deeply by the con-remedied. Justice believes, relatively serious miscarriages of justice a year. Only a small

before there can be a conviction, imittee proposed a safety net, an and there are a number of independent review body which evidential safeguards within the would have the power to conpoor advocacy, or mere accident. to grant a pardon, and did not less felt to contain some indi-

The Government has now rejected that proposal, but in terms which demonstrate acceptance of the possible extent of the problem and a willingness to try to close the gap through which the unfortunate victims fall. The Government's solution couched in the language of intent, rather than action: "The Home Secretary will in future be prepared to exercise his power of reference (to the Court of Appeal) more readily" and the Lord Chief Justice "sees room for the court to be more ready to exercise its own powers to receive evidence, or order a retrial".

The Government is right to prefer that miscarriages of justice be corrected through a judicial, rather than an extra-judicial process. It is too optimistic, however, to believe that all miscarriages will be removed by the Home Secretary and the trial procedure. Yet mistakes sider, and if necessary investi- Court of Appeal each showing happen, whether because of gate, those cases that fell short of more flexibility. Some cases are human failing or perversity, or convincing the Home Secretary not susceptible of treatment by court proceedings. The Govern-So an appeal procedure allows provide new evidence of the ment allows the possibility of victims of alleged injustice to kind that would persuade the calling in experienced lawyers to test the verdict against them. Court of Appeal to entertain a conduct one-man investigations Sometimes, there is even a new appeal, but were neverthe-in particularly complex cases. That device may well be needed Even so, injustices slip cation that injustice might have more often than the Government implies.

#### THE GEOGRAPHY OF GRIEF

The pilgrimage to the Falklands by those bereaved was dignified and moving. Though the experiby those bereaved was dignified and moving. Though the experi-ence itself must have been heartrending, the families clearly felt the need to go. Nobody would begrudge them their What can the Government be journey to the South Atlantic or expected to do in response? It is the generosity of British Airways not clear how great the demand and Cunard in providing them with a free passage.

Yet, a faint sense of injustice has been stimulated. Widows of the war in Ulster might feel slightly put out. The conflict in which their husbands perished has been protracted and largely inglorious in the sense that the mainland British public would prefer to forget about it, even through it has still to be won. Awider element of grievance exists, however. There are more than 64,000 British war widows. No breakdown is available, conflict by conflict, though the bulk of them lost husbands in World War H (figures for bereaved parents are unknown). Only those who suffered their loss after 1967 have enjoyed the right to free travel to an overseas grave, provided the visit was paid within two years of burial.

Lady Jeger was justified in

those widowed long ago who have never been able to pay their last respects at the graveside. What can the Government be would be if retrospective facilities were offered to all 64,000, plus one companion if the post-1967 formula was followed. If even a majority took up such an offer the cost would be considerable. Thousands died in hundreds of theatres between 1939 and 1945 in a global not a local conflict. Transporting the widows of World War II would not be a matter of packing

ful of destinations. The Government should pause for a while in the hope that a level of demand will manifest itself through the British War Widows and Associates and similar organizations. After a judgment has been reached, the possible, the bereaved should be Ministry of Defence might able to visit those corners. consider launching an appeal however great the lapse of time and setting up a fund - White- since their loss. They have a

people into Jumbo jets and

arranging departures to a hand-

on an ad hoc basis depending on an applicant's financial circumstances and the complexity of travel arrangements required. It is far easier and cheaper, for example, to visit Normandy than Korea. The Government could also offer consular assistance in countries like Burma where foreign visitors are not a common phenomenon. A sympathetic British official in Rangoon, for example, could make all the difference to a World War II widow on what could be a bewildering and emotional occasion.

Sometimes a poetic cliché is apt to describe a circumstance. There genuinely is many a corner of a foreign field that is forever England, from the Imjin River in Korea, through the Asian jungles to the heights above the Dardanelles and the rolling countryside of northern France and Belgium. If at all hall offering, perhaps, to match claim on our compassion, our pound-for-pound every private gratitude and our purse.

it is all organized by a group of four Church of Scotland ministers, three Anglicans and two Roman Catholic priests with a few lay people. There is a special Marian prayer - in the form of a Memorial of the Incarnation - compiled by the Darish minister which we regularly use together. Among us there has grown a deep unity of love, even if full unity of faith and order still chudes us. Yours etc. LAUDERDALE.

House of Lords.

Citizen's advice a

growth industry Èrom Mr Jonathan Davies Sir, It is dismaying to read of the

Minister of Consumer Affairs' actions against the Citizen's Advice

Bureaux (report, April 11).

The bureau which I attend once a week for a legal session is run by three people, who work harder, see more people, solve more problems in a day than most solicitors would ever attempt to do. The staff's range of knowledge is

quite extraordinary, their filing and information system is second to none, and their patience with small niggling problems is monumental. In the area where this bureau works it is the only growth industry and for a large proportion of poor people the bureau is the only ally or

It is extraordinary to read of a minister, who has no doubt run his own advice clinic in the past, attacking such an efficient valuable organisation - and then justifying the arrack with remarks of the fatuousness that you quote,

Yours sincerely JONATHAN DAVIES, 4 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4. April 11.

#### Labour's arms policy From Mr David Green

Sir, Michael Meacher's passion for hiding reality behind statistics (April 7) does not seem to have diminished since we both lost the Oldham, West by-election in 1968.

All governments so far have failed to lead this country to the extra performance necessary to sustain its living standards. Labour and Conservative alike have fought inflation by murdering demand, rather than regenerating supply. The only difference between the last Labour Administration and the present Tory one is that Labour tried to ransom its political reputation by surrendering on the wages front. It created the 22 per cent inflation which the present Government has since bought off - temporarily with grotesque interest rates, conse quential over-valuation of the

currency and destruction of jobs. Underneath, nothing has changed. Nothing will change so long as brute force is the Tory solution, ignorance the Labour one.

Of the ignorant, those who advocate withdrawal from the EEC, upon which most of our remaining jobs depend, and those who imagine that our independent nuclear deterrent has any bearing whatever on the world scene, must rank high.

Of course, with that intellectual flexibility without which membership of the Labour Party is now impossible, Michael Meacher only takes you to task for criticising Labour's unilateralism on the cruise missile. Presumably he is not so sanguine about the rest of his policy. Certainly our tiny land dense population mean virtual annihilation under nuclear attack.

Only nuclear disarmament plus total neutrality might remove us from the destruction list - and then only if we were disposed to give free entry to any Power threatening nuclear attack if it were refused. The probability of someone trying to enslave us if undefended, however, is considerably greater than the probability of someone trying to destroy us if defended. It's the probabilities that matter.

I'm sure that if Michael Meacher and his colleagues had told the ancestors of my bees that there was no point in them having a sting because using it would kill them (which is true) I wouldn't have any bees if they had accepted his advice. As it is their species has survived on earth for around 200 million years. But then perhaps Michael Meacher doesn't keep bees either. Yours faithfully,

DAVID GREEN, Rhyd yr Harding, Castle Morris, Nr Haverfordwest, April 7.

#### Post-coital pill

From Sir Anthony Alment, Sir, It is perfectly reasonable to refuse, as John Finnis does (April 5) to distinguish between the union of human gametes to create a zygote and an implanted embryo. To answer lan Kennedy's question (April 11), to whom does the testtube baby belong, someone free from lawyers' obsession with property might answer, "God".

There is at present no law about unknowable conceptions because they are an undefined category with regard to intent. Abortion law deals with decisions about conceptions knowable by implantation, and although "pregnancy" may have a useful legal narrowness, doctors invariably refer to the "products of conception" when removing the material of miscarriage.

Whether the zygote comes to full life status only by natural (or artificial) nurture is not a scientific but a moral issue, although the present Government inquiry will doubtless recommend legal answers to whether there should be restriction of freedom to eliminate zygotes and what is the change in value sick. Some pilgrims attest to striking between zygote and embryo. To be more precarious, which is certainly the condition of the former, is not to be less alive.

Yours sincerely, ANTHONY ALMENT. Winston House, Northampton. April 11.

Third World aid not all one way

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Professor A. I. Clunies Ross Sir, Readers of the article by Professors Baner and Yamey in The Times of April 11 should remember that official "aid", which the writers regard as blighting him that gives and him that takes, is simply a transfer to Third World governments of claims to resources. Studies such as one by Peter Heller (in the American Economic Review. June. 1975) seem to confirm what we might reasonably expect: that, given extra resources through aid, countries tend to expand across the range of types of spending, both private

The activities of Third World governments are not confined to erecting monuments and persecuting minorities but extend to health and training, to agricultural extenintermediary between them and a rigid and indifferent bureaucracy.

It is extraordinary to read of a effect of aid is good or not depends on whether the government is responsible in setting priorities and efficient in observing them. There are weak and irresponsible governments, but there is no universal rule of profligacy and depravity. Gifts and bonanzas may be wasted; they may distort priorities; they may corrupt; but they may also add to the capacity of the recipients to secure more of those useful things which in some degree most govern-

ments do provide.

If cxtra resources passing governments in the form of aid are as pernicious in their effects as Professors Bauer and Yamey believe, then it must surely be bad too for a Third World country to find that it possesses a large mineral deposit. Botswana would be lucky if, like Lesotho, it had no diamonds. Bangladesh is blessed because, unlike Indonesia, it has no oil.

The unwary reader of Professors Bauer and Yamey might suppose that donors exercise no control over the uses of their aid. This is very far from the case. Intergovernmental organizations virtually always, and governments often, give their aid for agreed projects. It is true that, apart from the IMF, they do not normally make their aid conditional on the pursuit of certain general economic policies. The combined mismanage-ment of the world economy by the

major Western Powers since 1973

suggests that this may not be entirely a matter for regret. Professors Bauer and Yamev rightly dispose of some spurious arguments for aid, it would be good if they were to use their considerable

experience to help in distinguishing what works from what does not, in elucidating what donor and recipient might do to ensure that aid is useful. Instead they join in the business of creating stereotypes, stereotypes moreover that can only bolster meanness and insularity.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY CLUNIES ROSS. Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde, Curran Building, 100 Cathedral Street,

From Sir Colin Campbell Sir, The contribution of Professors Bauer and Yamey is timely, but seeks to push the pendulum too far,

While we should eschew the obligation argument, it must be good business for us to do everything we can to help the Third World countries to help themselves, as well as good morality.

The distinguished professors have made no reference to the need for establishing a mechanism for improving commodity prices. This remains an important and urgent

The professors are right to draw attention to the dangers of aid buoying up incompetent and improvident regimes. The giving of development aid should be dependent on the receiving countries conducting their affairs with reasonable efficiency and so far as possible without corruption.

Above all, we should cease giving aid to the "self-inflicted wound" countries where imprudent fiscal and economic policies stifle the development which, given the reform of mistaken policies, they are capable of achieving on their own. Yours faithfully, COLIN CAMPBELL

Kilbryde Castle, Dunblane, Perthshire. April 12.

#### Christians and Jews From Mr Richard S. Harvey

Sir, Your recent article, "Jesus was a Jew" (April 2) and letters have helpfully clarified some areas of misunderstanding between Christians, Jews and others. May I, as one who endeavours to stand within both Jewish and Christian traditions, add some comments from

an often neglected perspective.

Jewish Christians, or "Messianic Jews", compose that small but significant and growing minority that throughout history has maintained loyalty to Jewish birth and identity whilst being of firm Christian convictions about the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

tolerate and follow Jesus (pace C. F. D. Moule, April 7) eventually found themselves out on a limb between the larger groups of non-Christian Jews and non-Jewish Christians, So. too, today they are caught in the interface between Jewish and Christian establishments. They experience both the latent antisemitism within the Church and Christian theology, and the rejection of the Jewish community for publicly declaring their belief that the Messiah has come.

Jewish Christians have often been regarded as traitors with less than sincere motives for "conversion" (a spiritual rather than societal change) by the majority of Jewish people and as something of an embarrassment Yours faithfully, to the Christian Church. Unless, of FELICITY LITT course, one attains recognition as oishop, cardinal or prime minister!

Nevertheless the option of belief that Jesus's alleged messianic claims Wiltshire were historically vindicated by his April 12.

rising from the dead on the first Easter morning has always been available to all. Whilst not the traditional Jewish position, and now under question from sections of the Christian Church, faith in God's revelation in Jesus must surely be either the main source of disagreement upon which the mistakes of history have been compounded, to the shame of the Church, or the means of true reconciliation and mutual understanding. Yours faithfully. RICHARD S. HARVEY.

7 The Chestnuts, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. April 7.

#### Victims of war

From Mrs Felicity Little Sir. I was interested to read the

letters from A. G. W. Wakefield and Mrs C. Kirk (April 12). Ironically, the day the Falklands' relatives landed to pay their visit, my family dedicated a memorial stone in my father's birthplace in England. It is in memory of both my parents. They were killed at sea at the fall of Singapore in 1942 (as far as we know) after staying faithfully at their posts, after years of loyal service to their country.

Is the Government now saying word that should primarily express that we shall all be allowed to cast our wreaths where our loved ones fell in war in the future?

FELICITY LITTLE, Teffont Magna, Salisbury,

#### Ships and men From Mr George J. Bonwick

Sir, Mr J. Newman (April 7) of the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association, misquotes shipping minister, Mr Iain Sproat. He did not say "UK crew manning levels are as much as 25 per cent and more higher than those of European competitors" but that they were "in far too many cases", and he was quite correct.

Apart from a number of "share ships", i.e., small ships whose small crews share the gross freight with owners rather than receive wages, British crews are certainly larger than most others - in some cases one-third larger; the only exceptions being state-owned or state-subsidised ships or those manned by low-cost personnel from South-east Asia.

Mr Newman knows perfectly well that in recent months some UK owners have transferred tonnage to reputable foreign registries because April 7.

they are permitted to carry fewer personnel. The newest Panamax bulker, i.e., one capable of carrying about 70,000 tons of cargo, for instance, registered in the UK carries 26; an identical ship also manned and managed in the UK but registered in Bermuda only 20 and many comparable Scandinavian and European ships fewer still.

I believe the shipping minister has

However, I do not share his belief that "the decline of the British Merchant Navy can be halted and can be reversed." On the contrary, I am sure that for some time yet the fleet will continue to decline and, because of the paucity of new buildings, to age. Reversal of the trend is well over the horizon.

had more employees than Sonio and the additional half-year's wages for those in 1982 as compared with

1981 invalidates any comparison.

This factor alone makes the

headlined statement of an increase

of a quarter in BP's worldwide wage

urged to make greater disclosure. In

Companies are repeatedly being

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bill misleading.

#### Wages at BP From Mr R. W. Adam

Sir. Your issue today (April 7) headlined "BP worldwide wage bill up by a quarter", referred to "employees of British Petroleum... pushing up last year's wages bill by nearly 25 per cent." The article notes our comment that a significant part of the apparent large increase in the overseas wage bill was attributable

bill represents 45 per cent of the

to exchange rates movements.

fact we were under no legal obligation this year to give the global figures which led to the report in The Times and, indeed, most international companies have not In terms of the currencies in done so. In the circumstances, it seems unfortunate that as a result of which wages were paid by the group's main employing companies, the increase in the wages bill between 1981 and 1982 was, in BP's being so forthcoming, the instant headline and the contents of the report should have given such a round figures, 6 per cent in the United Kingdom, and 7 per cent in misleading comparison. Yours faithfully, Germany and France. In the case of our US affiliate, Sohio, whose wages

R. W. ADAM, Deputy Chairman, British Petroleum Co Ltd. group's, any comparison is distorted by the acquisition of Kennecott in the middle of 1981: Kennecott itself April 7. Britannic House, Moor Lane, EC2.

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## Education and

achievement From Mr A. A. Barton,

Sir, Though your editorial, "Filling the school void" (April 12) is welcome as drawing attention to a neglected area of public responsibility, it is disappointing to find it marked by the same muddleheadedness which has bedevilled the politics of both parties towards

education.
If "education" is something which is offered to children, qua children, surely it is obvious that it cannot be primarily concerned with "achievement" if this means achieving a competence in abstract thought only accessible to those who excel their

peer group..
"What list of all the ills confronting Britain in 1965 could possibly have included the grammar schools?" Well, that compiled by those concerned with the fate of 11year-olds with an IQ of 110 or thereabouts who were debarred, regardless of their tastes, ambitions and commitment to school work, from the opportunity of being taught science by specialists, by the operations of administrative convenience and chance. The cure may have turned out worse than the disease, but that was the grievance,

and it was real. The central difficulty is perhaps even more oppressive now, and it is that at least one third of the population is entered for a race it must lose and go on losing from five to 16, because the only achievement recognised is academic, and com-petitive, too. In the nature of the case, half the population is below

average.

Professor Kennaway's letter at the bottom of the same page indicates a possibility of a different approach, where there would be room to rate various kinds of practical competence and reliability as "achieve-ment", and without the necessity for the kind of streaming which overrides the choice of the pupil.

Given a well designed scheme of options, young people will choose sensibly from the age of about 13 if they are provided with sensible and sympathetic advice. Your faithfully,

A. A. BARTON. 17 Dunsany Road, W14. April 12.

#### Ill effects of lead

From Dr James Bevan Sir, Lead poisoning has become an emotive subject with good reason. As a general practitioner I, too, am concerned about the evidence of the increasing number of surveys showing that lead can reduce the intellience of children and, presumably, adults. I am not surprised that some research, as in all scientific work, does not show statistical evidence of this reduction.

None of the enquiries have shown a statistical swing - which might reasonably have been expected if lead had no effect on intelligence -Marjorie Smith and her colleagues' (April 6) research shows evidence, even if not satistically significant, in favour of reduced intelligence in children with higher levels of lead.

I do not see how any practising doctor can reassure his patients about the safety of lead, at any level, even when below the present socalled "safe level" (blood lead of 25 ug/100 dl). It is possible to reduce the general hazards of lead contamination by stopping its use in petrol even though the real benefits of this may not be obvious for some years. As a public health measure it is essential, as a political step it should be easy. Surely the time has come for this decision. Yours sincerely. JAMES BEVAN,

9. Hill Road, N.W.8. April 7.

#### Cash in hand

From Mr Allan Todd Sir, The Chief Cashier of the Bank of England must now be a happy man. After April 21, with the issue of the new coin, he will at last be able to carry out his promise to pay the bearer of a £1 note the sum of one pound.

Yours faithfully, ALLAN TODD. St George's Lees, Sandwich, April 11.

#### **Bomb in Thames**

From Mr H. R. Stevens Sir, Without wishing to detract in any way from the courage of those who handle unexploded bombs, why, once the Thames bomb had been placed in a barge (report, April 12) was it not gently covered with marine collision matting (or sandbags or the like) and towed out of the centre of London?

If such action had been taken immediately the bomb could have been out of London by dawn; and the worst damage that could have occurred would have been a sunk or damaged barge.

The whole affair appears to be a massive and costly overreaction. Yours etc. H. R. STEVENS, Brock Cottage, 34 Compton Way, Moor Park, Farnham, Surrey. April 12

From Mr Nicholas Bennett Sir, Where is the GLC's non-nuclear bomb free zone? Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS BENNETT. 22 Almond Grove, Hempstead, Gillingham, Kent.

April 12

# Road to church unity

From the Earl of Lauderdale Sir, Canon Alan Wilkinson (April 9) touches some sore spots, notably the unacknowledged and unconscious forces at work to retard Christian unity. In Scotland some of us have been pegging away at this.

Alongside the medieval parish kirk of St Mary's, Haddington, East Lothian, stands my private chapel, long derelict and long known as the Lauderdale Aisle. In parallel with a decision by the Kirk Session to restore the choir and transcots of this church - in ruins and open to the sky since 1550 - and to do so as

an ecumenical venture; an ancient parish minister plays host and pilgrimage point was restored too.

This used to be an "Alamage of prayer around the church. An the Biessed Virgin and Three Anglican histor presides at the Kings", which stood in the north Encharist with Church of Scotland.

transept and was still being endowed as late as 1595, some 35 years after the Scottish Reformation. It has since been restored as the Shrine of Our Lady of Haddington in the Lauderdale Aisle near by and been made available for the use of all Church of Scotland ministers celebrate their Holy Communion there regularly, Anglicans offer their Eucharist there, Roman Catholics

offer Holy Mass from time to time. There is a major pilgrimage on the second Saturday of May each year (May 14, 1983) with public transport from St Andrews Square, Edin-burgh Up to 1,000 people gather from all over central and southern Scotland and northern England. The

ministers joining in the administ-ration. The Auxiliary Bishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh Archdiocese offers Holy Mass in the Roman rite. There is a special blessing and communion of the disabled and "favours".

> The sentence in Mr Ian Kennedy's letter of April 11 reading: "And for an abortion the law requires a pregnancy, not contraception" should have read: "And for an abortion the law requires a premancy not concention".



## COURT AND SOCIAL

#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE April 13: The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher, His Excellency the Jordanian Ambessador and Mrs Izziddin, the Lord Rayner, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Mrs Walker, Sir Anthony and Lady Parsons, Dame Cicely Saunders and Professor Marian Bohusz-Szyszko, Dr and Mrs Peter Froggatt and Dr and Mrs Patrick Nutigens have left the

The Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan and Mrs McIntosh and the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta had the honour of being invited to loncheon with The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr B. G. French and Miss V. V. Singleton

The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Walter French, of Westhill, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and Virginia, daughter of Sir Edward and Lady Singleton, of 57 Victoria

#### Mr M. A. Blauchard and Miss J. S. Hartmell-Bearis

The engagement is announced between Michael, second son of Mr and Mrs P. H. Blanchard, of Concord, California, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. C. Hartneil-Beavis, of Kilcreggan,

Mr R. Brown and Miss P. A. Tyrol The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr

and Mrs George Brown, of Crowborough, East Sussex, and Patricia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Tyrol, of Feaster-ville, Pennsylvania, United States.

#### Mr S. B. Burnett and Miss A. M. Isherwood

The engagement is announced of Stephen, son of Right Rev Dr and Mrs B. B. Burnett, of East London, South Africa, and Anne Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Isherwood, of New York, United States.

#### Mr C. Chapman and Miss M. L. Blount

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. Chapman, of Suttonat-Hone, Kent, and Michelle, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B Blount, of Meopham, Kent.

Mr K. C. Owen and Miss C. E. Brockleharst

#### Mr S. J. Coleridge and Selectin S. C. Suhites Pincon

The engagement is announced between Stephen John, son of Mr F. S. Coleridge, of Little Comberton, Worcestershire, and Mrs D. P. E. O'Leary, of Hampleden, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Sandra Chetzul, daughter of Señor and Señora T. S. Salaiza, of Chihuahua, Merica

#### Mr J. R. A. Coales

The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Coales, of Coleshill, Buckinghamshire, and Margaret. Allenhurst, New Jersey.

and Miss A. K. Reynolds

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of between Simon, eldest son of Mr J.

Colonel and Mrs Edward Gibbon, P. W. Roper and Mrs Anne Roper, I of Over Wallop, Hampshire, and of Oxford, and Amounted Colored, second dangers. Victoria, second daughter of Captain and Mrs Sandy Wells, of Prinsted, Emsworth, Hampshire,

#### Mr D. R. Hartley and Miss C. A. Fry

The engagement is announced between David Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs J. R. Hardey, of Wellington, Shropshire, and Carolya Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. B. Fry, of Overstone Solarium, Northampton, and Beaminster. Dorset.

#### Mr W. Heeps and Miss J. Bartlett

#### KENSINGTON PALACE April 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited Royal Air Force Lyncham.

A special control of the control of

Royal Air Force Lyncham.

Her Royal Highness, who
travelled in an aircraft of The
Queen's Flight, was attended by
Lady Anne Tennant and Major The
Lord Napier and Ettrick. April 13: The Duke of Gloucester

this afternoon addressed the Business in the Community National Conference at Goldsmiths' Hall, Loudon. Lieutement-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE. ST JAMES'S PALACE April 13: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief The Lorne Scott (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regi-ment), today received Colonel Arthur Kemp, Honorary Colonel of

Mr B. L. Henderson and Miss R. Maciaran

#### The engagement is announced between Brian, son of the late Mr T. C. B. Henderson and of Mrs Henderson, of Gorse Hill, Ballynahinch, co Down, and Rose, daughter of Colonel and Mrs F. B. S. Maciaran, of Hillhead, Cullybackey,

The Rev L. W. G. Hudson and Mrs H. G. Taylor The engagement is announced between Lesile W. G. Hudson, of Combe St Nicholas, and Doreen M. Buckin Taylor, widow of Mr Hugh Garner Taylor, of Cricket St Thomas, Penn, Chard, The marriage will take place should.

## Mr G. A. McNab and Miss A. E. Simpson

The engagement is announced between Gordon Alastair, only son of Mr and Mrs A. McNab, of Melrose, Scotland, and Anne Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Simpson, of Foxrock, co

#### Mr J. J. Mannering and Miss A. J. Beresford

The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Mr and Mrs John Mannering, of Dover, and Amanda, only daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs Charles Beresford, of Hampstead, London.

#### Mr W. J. Moodie and Miss A. C. Edgar

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Moodle, of Pretoria, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Edgar, of Linton, Cambridge.

#### Mr G. N. Phillips and Miss A. S. Awdry

The engagement is announced
The marriage took
between Graham, only son of Mr
and Mrs R. C. Philips, of 218
Northampton Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, and
Arnanda, eider daughter of Mr and
Mrs Richard Awdry, of 250
Amersham Road, Hazlemere, High
Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

and Miss F. A. Bla
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19, 1983, at the Mr Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

## Mr S. Roper and Miss A. K. Reynolds

P. W. Roper and Mrs Anne Roper, Mr K. F. Unwin
of Oxford, and Amaryllis, elder and Miss J. F. P. Arnold
daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter The marriage took place on Saturdy
Reynolds, of Oxford.

April 9, at the Church of St

#### Mr E. H. E. Sawbridge and Miss A. R. L. Watt

The engagement is announced The bride, who was given in between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs marriage by her father, was attended Henry Sawbridge, of Kingsgate, by Alison Stevenson, Margaret Roe, Kent, and Angela, younger daughter Jane King and Holly Barker. Mr of Major and Mrs Anthony Watt, of Mark Ray was best man.

Sunninghill, Berkshire.

A reception was held at Bedge-

£1,000 Premium Bond prizewinners

#### and Miss C. J. Bailes

and Miss J. Bartlett

The engagement is announced between William, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs W. H. Heeps, of Falkirk, Stirlingshire, and Jennifer Bartlett, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. E. Evans, of Oxford House, Welton, Ross-on-Wye, Hereford-Shire, and Mr J. E. Bailes, of Living, Miss Rosemary Whitaker Cheltenhant, Gloucestershire.

#### preside at congregations for the conferment of degrees at Lancaster University on July 4, 5 and 6.

Requiem Mass for King Umberto will be celebrated by the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio in Westminster Pro-Nuncio in Wo

Queen Marie Jose is unable to attend the Requiem Mass for King Umberto in Westminster Cathedral

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton will be installed as Seneschal of Canterbury Cathedral on July 4 in succession to Lord Astor of Hever.

A memorial service for Brigadier R. S. Hopkinson, late of The Blues and Royals, will be held in The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks on April 28, at noon.

## Captain H. A. O. Wicks and Miss J. M. Smyth The engagement is announced between Alastair Wicks, 14th/20th

Hussars, son of the late Mr J. A. E. Wicks and Mrs Wicks, of Queen Alexandra's Court, Wimbledon, and Joanna, daughter of Major and Mrs. R. H. Smyth, of Headley, Hamp

## Mr R. C. B. Wood Mr R. C. B. Wood and Miss W. G. Taylor The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs P. B. Wood, of Jordans, Buckinghamshire, and Gayle, only daughter of Mr K. M. Taylor, of Penn, and Mrs W. V. Taylor, of

#### Marriages

Commander J. Cooke, RN, and Miss H. Chamier

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 9, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Parm Street, W.I., between Commander Jonathan Cooke, R.N. and Miss Henrietta Chamier.

#### and Miss G. F. Wimbourne

The marriage took place in Palm Beach County, Florida, on Saturday, March 26, of Mr Richard Davis, of Sandhurst, Kent, and Miss Gillian Wimbourne, of Boynton Beach, Florida. Mr Christopher Davis was best man Davis was best man.

#### Mr S. C. Haberahon and Mrs C. M. Mendelson

The marriage took place in Ludlow on Saturday, April 9, between Mr Stephen Charles Habershon and Mrs Caroline Mary Mendelsohn.

#### Dr D. S. Holloway and Dr E. H. H. Jamieson

Mr K. C. Owen and Dr E. H. H. Jamieson The marriage took place on Saturday, April 9, at the Church of St Nicholas, Castle Hedingham, between Or David Stansfeld Holloway younger son of Mr and Mrs Francis Holloway, and Dr Catherine, only daughter of Mr J. M. Brocklehurst and Mrs M. P. Brocklehurst and Mrs M. P. Brocklehurst, Wharfe, Austwick, North Yorkshire.

Mr M. E. L. James and Miss F. A. Blakey The marriage took place quietly in London on April 2 between Mr Michael E. L. James and Miss

#### Frances A. Blakey.

The marriage took place on March 19, 1983, at the Methodist Church, Sidlesham, West Sussex, of Mr Hermon Taylor and Mrs Noreen Cooke. A reception was held at Goodwood House.

April 9, at the Church of St. Laurence, Hawkhurst, Kent, between Mr Kieron Unwin and Miss J. F. P. Arnold. A reception was held at Bedge-bury Park.

#### Christening

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The engagement is announced between Paul James, eldest son of Ian and Mrs Wills was christened Mrs E. A. V. Vanner, of Banstead, Surrey, and Mr J. T. Vanner, of Canon Philip Hobbs at St Andrew's, Bramley, Surrey, and Caroline Jane, Sevenhampton, on Sunday, April eldest daughter of Mrs J. Raibe of 10. The godgement and Mrs.

Mrs Avril Fishwick, of Haigh, near Wigan, being sworn in yesterday as the first woman High Sheriff of Greater Manchester. With her is Sir William Downward, Lord Lieutenaut of the county.

## Time 'running out for Brighton pier'

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Corresponden

late to save the collapsing Four columns from the sou

structure. the Brighton West Pier Trust, how long it will last." pier this year".

evocative surviving monu- for more than five years. It ments to the heyday of the stands on cast-iron piers that separate official listings as a of the foreshore.

dangerous structure and as an Full restoration would cost

money.

The rescue trust formed to buy "If nothing is done very soon the Victorian West Pier at it will be too late", Mr Lloyd Brighton gave a warning yester- said. "A kiosk at the southern day that it would soon be too end fell into the sea recently. thern end have gone. I do not Mr John Lloyd, secretary of think even the engineers know

said after an appeal to local The pier was built 120 years councillors: "This is our last ago but has been eclipsed by its throw, because we think some less elegant and junior neigh-thing has got to be done to the bour, the Palace Pier. The West Pier is more than 1,000ft long The pier is one of the most and has been closed to visitors Victorian seaside holiday. It has were screwed into the chalk bed

historic building of exceptional more than £5m and complete demolition would cost several Mr Lloyd said that the trust hundred thousand pounds. It wanted Brighton council to pay has been put on sale by the half of the £25,000 needed to Crown Estate Commissioners finance a study intended to lead for £100 to a buyer who can to a programme to restore the prove that he can raise £300,000 pier and raise the necessary for immediate essential main-



A portrait of Princess Anne by Lincoln Taber, as American who studied under Annigoni in Florence, which is to be presented to the Fishmongers' Company today to hang in Fishmongers' Hall in the City. The oil on panel picture shows the Princess standing in Gatcombe Park, her Gloucestershire home.

**Dinners** 

Mr F. S. Law

Luncheons

Ministry of Defence
Mr Clive Whitmore, Permanent
Under Secretary of State for for ambassadors, high commissionDefence, was host yesterday at a
tuncheon given by the Ministry of
Defence at Admiralty House in
honour of Mr Kaul, Indian Defence
Secretary, Dr Arunachalam, Indian
Chief Secretary, Dr Arunachalam, Indian Chief Scientific Adviser, Air Marshal Gole, Deputy Chief of the Indian Air Staff, and Brigadier Chandra, military adviser, Indian High Commission.

PRIVATbanken Limited Mr James Mellon, HM Ambassador designate to Denmark, was the guest yesterday at a luncheon given by PRIVAToanken Limited at 107 Cheapside, London, EC2.

#### Receptions

HM Government The Hon Douglas Hurd, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a reception given at 1 Carlion Gardens, in honour of the President of the Economic and Social Committee of the European Com-munities, M François Ceyrae.

Newspaper Press Fund The Lord Mayor attended a reception given yesterday evening by the Newspaper Press Fund in the Old Library at Guildhall at which the Prime Minister was the principal guest.

Boodle's for M François Ceyrac president of the committee. Thos Mr A Alexander, Mr B Bonfield, Sir John Buckley, Lord Chafton, M C Evain, Lord Germiey, Mr D Hancock, Mr D Howall, Sir Robert Lawrence, Mr P E Lasarus, M R Lovet, Mr D McLaughlin, M A Margot, Lord Marst, Mr N, Miller, Mr E Mills, Mr D Palmer, Mr W Potton, Mr B Righty, Mr B Schwoder, Mr P Thomson, Sir Charles Villiert and Mr M Zhola.

Mr Frank S. Law, a UK member of

the Economic and Social Com

mittee, gave a dinner on Tuesday at

The Speaker gave a dinner Speaker's House yesterday honour of the Vice-Chancelor

Oxford University and Warnock Other guests were:

Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP, and Armstrong, Mr Bryant Codema trying and Mrs Dod. on Physical Codema Creamity, Be Rev Nigel and Mrs Coll Creamity, Be Rev Nigel and Mrs Coll the Rev Jeffrey John, the Rev Philip V Mr and Mrs John Ward, Mr and Mrs Warnotch, Mills Grigel Warnotch, Mr.

Latest wills

Feakes, Mr Gordon of Rodmersham, Sittingbourne, Kent £220,600

Borthwick, Mrs Gladys of Wythenshawe, Manchester, left estate London, produce broker £201,793

valued at £37,846 net. She left all of Grant, Mr Cyril Edward, of her property to the Royal National Lymington, Hants £248,824
Institute for the Blind.

Other estates include: Mr Robert Position, editor of the Northampton Chronicle & Echo, to be executive editor (south) of The New Portsmouth, and its associated weekly newspapers. He succeeds Mr Howard Faircloth.

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Lientenant-General Sir Nigel Bagnall to be C-in-C BOAR and Commander Northern Army Group Battle, Sussex £543,069

Richard Symonds-Tayler £93,546

#### Clues too evil for the crossword

By Philip Howard Is the study of Latin and Greek elitist and unviable in this day trendy jargon, and you get a Johannesburg bookshop, whose blazing thunderbolt from Professor E. J. Kenney, of Cambridge University, in his presidential address to the

His theme was: "The key and the cabinet", taken from a letter of Sir Walter Scott: "I am no great idolater of the learned had heard a dozen years His chief recreation in more languages, excepting for what they contain. We spend in youth that time in admiring the after an Italian partisan raid on originally acquired to help him after an Italian partisan raid on originally acquired to help him great idolater of the learned wards of the key, which we a motorised convoy. Bagley should employ in opening the cabinet and examining the interested group, but wrote about it instead, in a carefully crafted and researched novel treasures.

Professor Kenny argued with wit and precision that in classical literature the key is the treasure, the medium is the message. This may be elitist, if you insist on using that vulgar boo-word.

Learning any new language is certainly difficult. Agreed, ag-reed, But it can be just as "relevant" in certain circumstances to want to use French to understand Molife or Baudelaire, as to buy a pound of oven-ready frozen chipped potatoes. Catullus may be as relevant and actual as Ted Hughes.

Latin was a self-consciously learned and elitist literature, owing allegiance to the genres, forms, metres and technical standards of Hellenistic Greece. Professor Kenney made a powerful plea for a return to philology in its original sense to the study and love of language.

He gave examples from the grand literature of echoes, nuances, aliusions, puns and learned clues, too evil for The Times crossword, that are untranslatable and inaccessible to anybody who does not understand the language, from the majesterial innuendo of Tacitus to the revolutional proclamation made by the

metres of Horace's Odes. Professor Kenney doubts the value, or even the possibility, of teaching most Latin poetry in translation. He holds that nobody can really pretend to understand a Greek or Latin text who has not translated it, however inadequately, for herself or himself.

This may be unfashionable. It may be elitist. But, by Apollo, it is true. Love of language rules. Anti-chitist philistines of the world unite: you have nothing to lose but your brains.

#### Easter banquet

Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress gave the Easter banquet at
the Mansion Jouse yuesterday in
honour of the members of the
Diplomatic Corps and their ladies. Diplomstic Corps and their ladies.

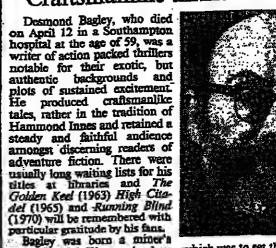
The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Dominican Ambassador and Mr Francis Pym. Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. The guests included:
The Lord President and Mrs Briffen, ambassadors, high commissions and commonwealth Affairs. The guests included:
The Lord President and Mrs Briffen, ambassadors, high commissions and charge of affairs, against generals, alderman storiffs, membars of the Court of Common Council and officers of the Commonwealth of Mrs Briffen, and Mrs Wood, Sir Denis and Lady Francis, Sir Edmund Storidaise, Lady Hesketh. Sir Raish and Lady Perring, Sir Murray and Lady Fox. Sir Anhory and Lady Arisnet, Sir Rebin Brook, Princess George Collegns. Bre discontinuously and Lady Arisnet, Sir Rebin Brook, Princess George Collegns. Bre discontinuously and Lady Arisnet, Sir Rebin Brook, Princess George Collegns. Bre discontinuously and Lady Mrs. He Hon Envisor. Bre discontinuously and Lady Mrs. The Honor Brook and Mrs. Brook Brook Mrs. Princess General Sir Peter and Lady Mint. Mr and Mrs Brook Brook Mrs. Princess General Sir Peter and Lady Mint. Brook Mrs. Brook Mrs. Art. Brook Mrs. Broo

#### Birthdays today

Mrs Elaine Blond, 81; Professor Sir Robert Bradlaw, 78; Miss Julie Christie, 43; Sir Denis Follows, 75; Sir John Gielgud, CH, 79; Mr Ivor Guest, 63; Lord Hastings, 71; Major-General C. Lloyd, 77; Mr J. McLauchlan, 41; Mr Julian Lloyd Webber, 32; the Right Rev Michael Marshall, 47; Baroness Masham of Ilton, 48; Mr P. G. A. Ramsay, 57; Professor J. M. Roberta, 55; the Ven Professor J. M. Roberta, 55; the Ven R. H. Roberts, 52; Mr Rod Steiger, 58; Mrs G. J. Warnock, 59; Baroness Wootton of Abinger, CH, 86.

## Latest appointments

#### **OBITUARY** MR DESMOND BAGLEY Craftsmanlike thriller novelist



son at Kendal, Westmorland on October 29, 1923. He left school

at 14 and was apprenticed as a printer's devil. His war was

spent unadventurously enough in the sincraft industry where he made Spittire parts from 1940

Afterwards he determined to

remedy this inactivity by travel, and it was his subsequent

wanderings which provided the authenticity of setting for which his novels were to be noted,

and, as he claimed, the edu-

rhem at all.

cation to enable him to write

deal of subsequent material. He had a variety of jobs there, as

photographer. In South Africa he also married his wife, Joan,

stock, he liked to claim nade no slight contribution to his edu-

cation as he was obliged read

his way through it in his

Golden Keel was published.

This was based on a story he

which was to set the tone for his subsequent books.

His work became known for its highly technical content and wide range of reference.
Geology, shipbuilding, Mayan
history, seismology, genetic
engineering and computer
science were all drafted into the service of the thriller novel

from his typewriter.

After his second novel, High
Citadel (1965) – a story of
American travellers hijacked in
the Andes and forced to improvise medieval weapons in the face of Communist inspired
He first went to South Africa, gunfire - Bagley decided to return to Britain and eventually a country which made a considerable impression on him and provided him with a good made his home in the Channel Islands. From his base there he produced a flow of successful novels and was reckoned, in time, to be one of the highest coal miner and asbestos miner before moving towards journa-lism via a spell as a nightclub earning writers of fiction in the

world. Besides Africa, which he covered thoroughly, he had also travelled in the United States, Australasia, Antarctica and in almost every country in Europe which gave his work a wide range of backgrounds. He was a thorocughly professional writer and a credit to the genre he Classical Association at Nottingham University last night.

Success for Bagley did not chose. As his books suggest he
was a man of many and varied was a man of many and varied interests which included music, photography and wine making His chief recreation in more originally acquired to help him edit his work - on which, chiefly, he played war games. Bagley was a member of the Crime Writers' Association, and

#### REAR-ADMIRAL B. C. DURANT

Rear-Admiral B. C. Durant, Ocean. Durant spent thirty CB, DSO, DSC, who died on hours in the water before being April 12 at the age of 72 was picked up, but was soon at sca formerly Chief of Staff Far East again as navigator of the aircraft Station and after his retirement. carrier Victorious. After periods from the Royal Navy the first in the South Pacific and in Director of the Navy League. A northern waters operating navigation specialist he had had against German units in Nor-

Bryan Cecil Durant was born on June 17, 1910 and entered that Durant showed his exper-the Royal Navy in 1929. He tise as a navigator when his specialized in navigation in skilful manocuvring of the ship 1935 and after the outbreak of saved Victorious from destrucminelaying operations off Axis-occupied coasts.

In 1940 he joined the 8-inch gun cruiser Dorsetshire, a ship which was to have an eventful career before succumbing to the bombs of Japanese divebombers. Dorsetshire already sunk a German surface raider in the South Atlantic when she was drawn into the hunt for the German battleship Bismarck in the North Atlantic in May 1941. Durant navigated the ship during this operation which ended with Dorsetshire being ordered to close in and administer the coup de grace to the German ship after she had been reduced to a flaming wreck by torpedo bomber attacks and the shells of the British battleships King George V and Rodney. Three 21 inch tor-pedoes from Dorsetshire dispatched Bismarck to the bottom

on May 26 after three days of pursuit and battle. In the following year however Dorsetshire was to suffer a similar fate herself when attacked and sunk by Japanese

dive bombers in the Indian

present at the sinking of the Eastern Fleet for operations a ship sunk under him

of the Mystery Writers of

It was during this last phase war served in the destroyer tion from repeated attacks by

The end of the war was not to signal the end of active service for Darant, however, and he commanded the 4th Frigate Squadron during operations in the Korean War, for which he was awarded the DSO.

Later appointments included Director of the Operations Division Admiralty, and Captain of the Fleet, Home Fleet, and he was finally Chief of Staff, Far East Station from 1961 to 1963 when he retired. He was ADC to the Queen in 1960.

After he retired he was appointed the first Director of the Navy League and held the post from 1964 to 1975. He was a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London from 1970 to 1978.

He was twice married, first, in 1939 to Pamela, a daughter of Brigadier-General W W Seymour. She died in 1963 and he married, in 1967, Rachel, daughter of Colonel the Hon David Bruce. There were three daughters and one son (now deceased) of the first marriage.

#### DR HUGH REID

Dr Hugh Alistair Reid, OBE, designation of his unit in who died in the Royal Liver-Liverpool as the WHO Collabopool Hospital on April 10, at rative Centre for the Control of the age of 69, was one of the world's leading authorities on Reid's major contribution to snake bite.

officer during the war and saw action in North Africa before taking part in the invasion of of hundreds of cases, merica-Sicily and the Italian campaign. He gained his parachute wings. In 1948 he took up an appointment as specialist physician to the Iran Oil Company in Abadan, where he met his wife-to-be, Patricia, who was a

nursing sister there.
After Abadan, he joined the colonial medical service as consultant physician to the Government of Malaya, and it was while working at the General Hospital in Panang that he established his reputation as an authority on snake bite. He founded the Snake and Venom. Research Institute in Penang and was its first Director from 1961 to 1964.

He joined the staff of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in 1964 as the first Senior Lecturer (Technical Assistance) under the Porritt Scheme, and continued to work on the clinical and laboratory aspects of snake bite until his death, four years after his official retirement. His distinction in this field was recognised by the Redi Award of the International Society on Toxi-

Reid's major contribution to Reid qualified in Edinburgh medicine was in establishing a in 1936. He served as a medical rational basis for treating victims of snake bite. His work was based on the careful study lously recorded and analysed with great clarity. There is no doubt that in addition to hundreds of people in the past, thousands in the future will owe their lives to Reid's work.

He was a man of great warmth, and a rich sense of humour, who bore the pain and distress of his last illness with characteristic courage. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

Colonel Frederick Arthur Sudbury, OBE, who died on April 5 at the age of 78, was JP for Inner London from 1962 He was Colonel in charge of movements and transport in the 14th Army 1944-45, and after the war was a member of the Thames Conservancy Board 1958-65.

Mr Francis William Alfred Fairfax-Cholmeley, CBE, who died on April 7 at the age of 78 in Kirnemur, Angus, was a director of Barclays Bank 1957-73 and Chairman of Barclays nology in 1979, and by the Bank SA, France, 1968-70.

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## THE ARTS

New Haven, Connecticut, is to New York what Oxford is to London - far enough away to be entirely its own place, close enough for easy access, and harbouring a major university.
When I its arrived, in September 1959, I took one look at the gothic buildings and thought I knew where I was Straight out of Oxford I gave the Americans alpha-minus for a very decent shot at the real thing.

After a week or two my confidence began to falter. Things were not what they seemed - Yale was not an imitation Oxford, it only looked like one. I began to have the giddy feeling that no appearance could be trusted. The walls looked solid enough, but I was less and less sure they would support me if I risked leaning against them. It was the same with the language. I spoke English, the Americans spoke English; but there was often a baffling lack of communication. I do not think "culture shock" had yet been invented, but I had it badly. It took me a full six more than the same a full six more than the same and the sa me a full six months really to know where I was, and by that time I was in Los Angeles, lost again, but lost in America this time, not in a British

Returning to New Haven in January 1983, I soon felt giddy again. This time I was there to attend rehearsals of my play Another Country at the Long Wharf Theatre, which is next to a large wholesale meat business, some distance from the ivied calm of Yale. It is also a long way from Shaftesbury Avenue, where the play was running at the Queen's Theatre and coming up to its first anniversary despite a drizzle of journalistic articles about the death of the West End. For reasons no one with wedented the plant was a property of the west and the west end. quite understood, the play seemed to have caught the imagination of the young, some of whom came to see it

The composer Alexander

Zemlinsky, supporter (and

brother-in-law) of

Schoenberg, remains one of

the strange 'unknowns' of

twentieth-century music.

But in Germany, at least,

there are strong signs of revival.

Stephen Pettitt reports

Natural heir

Julian Mitchell's Another Country, for all the play's success in Britain, has struck few comparable chords in America: its author (right) tells ruefully of his struggle for recognition

## Transatlantic tribulations

again confident as I arrived in Connecticut. The audience had been softened up, I was told, by a steady diet of British television — Brideshead, Tinker Tailor, To Serve Them All My Days Even more important, there was already an excellent production of Simon Grey's Quartermaine's Terms packing them in at the Long Wharf's Second Stage. The British educational system was

no longer the mystery it once was. Still, there were problems. For the dormitory scene we needed iron bedsteads, and none sufficiently uncomfortable could be found in all America. RAF beds were imported from Britain. The director, John Tillinger, was an Old Stoic. He phoned me shortly before I left to say I might have to bring corps uniforms over with me. Luckily some were discovered in California, though the puttees certainly were not regulation. Yale thought it could lend us a

dressed as the characters. We even cricket bat, but then could not find it, had a few giggling groupies, and so we bought one in New York. It were followed by such arcane references were coming on at was not much use, really - the actor cinces as Haig. French, Curzon, whose prop it was never grasped the Milner, Bournemouth, Bedales and Dartington Hall. Toad-in-the-hole So - though the play is set in an basic elements of the forward English public school in the 1930s, a defensive prod, and since there are setting not readily available to no indoor nets in America I was again confident as I was once unable to give him the benefit of the setting and confident as I was once unable to give him the benefit of the setting again. coaching. Another very difficult prop to find in Reagan's America, notsurprisingly, was a bust of Lenin, but we had had a hard time finding one of those in Thatcher's England. Then there was the question of the accents. No one in the all-American east sounded precisely right to me but as it turned out they all sounded English to the Americans, which was what

> The real difficulties arose over public school language and life. The idea of older boys being allowed to beat younger ones remained incredible to American audiences. The house system was extremely baffling. and the plethora of cups for different activities caused much confusion. As for the difference between house and

source of utter mystery. I did my best to Americanize the public school slang. My. own inventions, such as "sunker" for

The Rivals

Olivier

was allowed to stay, on the grounds that it might get a laugh, but of "frigging" the less said the better. "Prep" proved particularly hard to translate, since boarding schools are so rare in America, and "homework" is not the same thing at all Eventually we settled weakly for "evening work". "Conking out" had to go, "white feathers" had to be explained, but to "creep down to Cromer" was kept in, and always got a largh, either for one materiores or a laugh, either for onomatopoeia or sheer British insolence. The audienoes always laughed, too, at Queen Elizabeth I's troubles with her Puritans - but then perhaps some of them were their descendants.

The first preview was a disaster, (The girl next to me left rapidly at the interval.) But, with the help of Anglo-American friends and their children, more translation was attempted, and later audiences seemed to understand more or less what the play was about. The direction was good, the cast was good, the stage manager was the best I had ever come across anywhere -

confidence grew. New York producers prowled around. It was all up to the New York Times.

The power of the NYT over the American theatre is not quite credible to Englishmen who visit occasionally. Yet the theatre critic, by whom one lives or dies, himself counts for very little: if he leaves the paper his influence wanes. Partly it is the cowardice of producers who have not fought strongly enough against one paper's power. But, whatever the reasons, a bad notice from the NYT often means that producers do not bother to return your calls. Whereas in Britian we hate all critics, more or less impartially, theatre people in America tend to reserve most of their venom for the NYT man his impending visit gives everyone the most appalling nerves and the wait for the review to appear is interminable (no overnight reviews for New

Unfortunately this overwhelmingly important man had already seen my play in London and not liked it. The suspense was terrible, Walking across New Haven's famous Green - a large open space dominated by a row of three splendid

Theatre

Agreeable toughness in Sheridan's wit

Tim Curry: truly inspired casting

him down"

portrait of them half-hidden in and pincapples that fertilize

thus furnishing Mr Wood with a still-attractive femme savante.

characteristic visual image her verbal pretension fatally which echoes the orange trees undermined by a feminine

churches - I came across what looked like a man reading the New York Times. On closer inspection, he was a sculpture, and he was reading the Arts Pages. Not far away was another extremely lifelike sculpture, this time of a man with an umbrella hailing a cab. This second sculpture was called "Does this mean it's over? Excuse me - Taxi!" To me it was obvious that the second man was a producer who

a moment before was sitting next to the first man, reading the review of my play. It had not been kind. He would not be returning our calls next

The sculptures proved all too prophetic. The man from the NYT disliked the play at even greater length than he had in London, and added insult to injury by saying how much better the American production was. I was in Newport Rhode Island, when I read the death sentence, and spent the day glowering at the summer palaces of the very, very rich. Passing the gate of Klaus von Bulow, I thought how typically anti-social of the rich it was only to attempt their murders against their nearest and dearest, when there were so many people, crying out to be bumped off all over New York.

Plays have lives of their own, however, long after reviews and loathing of reviewers are forgotten.

The Long Wharf production has twice almost reached New York in spite of the NYT. We hope to start shooting the film in July. When I heard of the second near-miss I was in Wengen, consulting with the film director in pouring rain. The New York production was all on and off in a day. No one can say the American a day. No one can say the American theatre is not exciting. But I am giving my play the full six months I needed myself to adapt to transatlan-tic conditions.

vagueness about detail, who has acknowledged the first approach

of middle age by going into mauve satin and amethysts, and

a fashionable headdress whose

feather seems just as likely to take flight as her own uncon-

trollable verbal fancy.
This defies the text (Acres's

cry of "Ods wrinkles!" gives the game away) but it is stimulating

suggesting a comic ancestry for the character, not in Resto-

ration comedy's grotesque old women, but its affected ladies

like Melantha in Marriage d-la-

Mode, learning new words

(Prench in her case) every day before breakfast. It is also unanswerably funny: Miss McEwan's crisp bass cuts deliciously through the lines and it soon becomes an anticipated of the country of the country of the country of the country of the case of the case

anticipated pleasure to watch

## Romantic chill

Television

The polar regions have always been a source of romance for those who have never visited them, and Shackleton (BBC 2) will be a great success with armchair explorers. It began as no doubt it means to go on. with various scarred and burnished visages looming out of the Antarctic mists like transplanted Yeti. The ice cracks with the sound of thunder, and mpedes the Discovery with a force "stronger than human resolution".

But, since this is drama rather than documentary. 'human resolution" become the theme as soon as we revert to warm and dry land. In last night's episode (the first of four) Scott and Shackleton fight over their rights to the South Pole as if the whole continent were a stamping ground designed soley for the benefit of ambitious British explorers. Perhaps they wanted to play polo on it.
Scott (Neil Stacy) is por-

trayed as a calculating careerist who has no objection to distorting the truth in order to enshrine himself as a hero; and f, as someone says, these men carry a piece of Antarctica in their hearts, in Scott's case it seems wholly to have replaced that less than vital organ. Shackleton (David Schofield), or "Shackles" as he is known to the lower decks, is in contrast an engaging and volatile figure for whom the challenge and the adventure are more important than any rewards,

Christopher Rallings's script however, reverts at crucial moments to the tone of "derring do" films of the Forties and Fifties - no doubt in deference to the atavism involved in reconstructing British heroics of his kind. There were so many stiff upper lips that one hardly noticed anything else, even if the cold cracked them from

The obvious analogy, of course, is between the polar expeditions of the early twentieth century and the contempor-ary exploits of Russian or American astronauts - within a year or two, we will be watching Glenn if not Gagarin. Despite the occasional longeur, though. Mr Rallings has managed to concentrate, or simplify, historical events so that they form a sufficiently dramatic pattern. And of course the landscape helps: at the end of last night's episode the great ice barrier loomed like a dream of death.



to a great musical tradition

> Lithograph of Zemlinsky by Emil Orlik

Staatsoper bring to Edinburgh the two one-act operas by Alexander Zemlinsky, Eine Florentinische Tragodie and Day Zwerg. In the company's home city Zemlinsky's last complete opera, Der Kreidek-reis, finished in 1932, is in repertory; and at the same time a production of the much earlier Eine Florentinische Tragodie, written in 1916, can be found further south, in Hanover's imposing Niedersachsische Staatstheater. These events, together with the availability of the string quartets and a few other works on record, are signs that a Zemlinsky revival in Germany is in full swing. On the evidence of one's ears, it is comple living happily ever after long overdue.

How have we managed to everlook such extraordinary music for so long? Partly it must be because the serialism cultivated by the three "New Viennese" giants has com-manded the attention of commentators. Though just as sky did not follow their fashion. Indeed he followed no fashion n: all, although as a keen promoter of particularly the music of Schoenberg (who married Zemlinsky's sister contemporary trends. Nevertheless he was a fixed around the proscenium natural heir to the Austro-German musical line. In his student days he came under the direct influence of Brahms, and a little later that of Mahler, who who, Haitang or Yū-Pei, is the supported his cause and con-real mother of a boy-child - his ducted the first performance of own, as it proves to be. This in his second opera, Es war cinnul, in Vienna in 1900.

His own prowess was readily acknowledged by Schoenberg. Webern (both of whom he taught) and Berg, who famously quotes from Zemlinsky's Lyric rough justice. The circle is seen Symphony in his own Lyric includes the concepts of both Suite. But the natural pastures for his expression were those in which Richard Strauss, after Salome and Elekara, felt so. uncomfortable, the fields of tonality at its breaking-point. Although the surface style of much of his music, and certainly Der Kreidekreis, varies wildly, underneath hes a consistent and strong personality. One might expect as much from as they ascended the steps to Renate Behle artfully elicited a composer forced to make his they accended the step of the step o to America, where in 1942 he died. This was a move which

Der Kreidekreis is probably the most eclertic of all Zemin-Sarabia). Yu-Pei (Celestine sky's works, it has estensibly an Casaniera) and the corrupt oriental setting, à la Turandot, judge Techu-Tschu (Ernst-Theo and dramatically,

opera). But most significantly the opera continually raises moral and social questions. Although Haitang and Pao, who has earlier more or less raped press and Emperor, he clearly represents something tyranni-cal, while all the way through she is mercilessly explored. Even if we are to imagine the we are obliged to remember the price, that of humanity itself,

that has been paid. Herbert Wernicke's production for Hamburg updates the original setting to the short story by Oscar Wilde, is Germany of the 1930s, apart an unequivocal mix of Strauss from what looked like a touch and Mahler. Although the plot of Habitat in the Venetian blinds and paper lampshades. The latter of course were intended to reflect the symbol of the chalk circle, and rather naively in one scene so does a large round goldfish bowl (populated) and the full moon without. There is also a huge metal ring (actually an ellipse) and studded with light-bulbs. Within the circle itself Pao exercises a sort of wisdom of Solomon in order to determine turn decides which of the two is the murderess of Yu-Pei's husband, Ma, an odious character who buys Haitang in Tong's "teahouse" but later reforms before he receives his rather

entrapment and inevitable consequence. The singing was heard with miraculous clarity through Zeminsky's lavish but careful scoring Beatrice Nichoff and Werner Gotz as Haitang and Pao portrayed their parts ition, and the revelation of respectively with helplessness and fearsome authority, although the use of microphones evening. Fran Tschang, Haitang's mother, was imbued with rich pathos through the poweralso took away his creative will fel contralto of Olive Friedrichs, while the roles of Tong (Peter Hasse). Ma (Guillermo

This summer the Hamburg It is sometimes sleazy, like Richter) were all positively and Weill's Threepenny Opera apply characterized. Russell (Zemlinsky conducted the Smythe, as Tschang-Ling, Hai-première of Mahagonny in tang's revolutionary brother, Berlin in the early 1930s), was rendered mute by a cold And in Haitang, the nominal and so Richard Salter gamely heroine, are to be found many tackled the part from the pil elements of the character of whilst the former mimed. The Lulu (Zemlinsky was to decline conductor, Adam Fischer, an invitation to complete Berg's paced the drama well, almost making sense of the decision to play the three acts without a break, while the Philharmomagnificently to the demands of his bride-to-be, become Em- a score in which at one moment the music is as dry as Stravinsky, the next as luscious as early Schoenberg. English

audiences ought to be given the

Meanwhile in Hanover the

chance to hear it.

resident company are revealing esed, side of Zemlinsky. Eine Florentinische Tragodie, which like Der Zwerg is taken from a short story by Oscar Wilde, is is simple it deals in complexities, principally with the neuroses of Simone, who discovers his wife in a clinch with his best friend. Zemlinsky's manner here is to submit his characters mercilessly to the most harrowing of human circumstances. Once more the woman, like Lulu, is the innocent victim, and she spends most of the opera looking on powerlessly as her husband proceeds inexorably to the murder of her lover. As torrid as Salome, yet with touches of Ein Heldenleben too, the work's psychology is like that of a Mahier symphony. It represents a crisis of what could be a single identity. Heinz-Jürgen Demitz, as

Simone, coped outstandingly well with the tortuous demands of his ever-changing role, sustaining a formidable momentum towards the denouement. Hans-Dieter Bader as Guido Bardi, the intruding yet genuinely enamoured Prince of Florence, showed occasional insecurity in his intenstion; but the steadily increasing irrel-evance of his aristocratic posprince as man as the opera progressed, was utterly convincng. As the unfortunate Bianca, appearance; and, even if the Hanover orchestra could not quite match their Hamburg nvals, Robert Maxym's conducting put everything in its proper place, both musically

in 1775: the Royal Crescent is six years old. Pulteney Bridge (glimpsed down one of the vistas of John Gunter's set) is just finished and the hill that will eventually bear Lansdown Crescent is still virgin territory. A solf-contained world of gossip, concerts and duels, people discussing and deciding other people's lives, and the unresting pursuit of pleasure, and Mr Gunter's in black and white, regrouping in infinite combinations of square, row and circus, carry us back into it more completely than any staging I can

His third bravura design in succession (after Guys and Dolls and Lorenzaccio) for the Olivier Theatre, it makes light of this vast stage's notorious difficulties, apparently by perceiving the completing half of a circle in its signatic. forestage and then gigantic. forestage and then the passage?), arrive in a society some of Mrs Malaprop's ima-finding its prototype in Bath's that Sheridan, who had eloped gery. But the way he whacks a architecture. And Peter Wood's from it with an heiress only a chair to make him to make the way he whacks a production, though it has a ceathless feeling and with time to think would shed the little air it retains of a chocolate-boxy H. M. Tennent revival, has a breadth and completeness which Mr Gunter's design suits perfectly. It also has an agreeable toughness which shows how much Sheridan's wit looks not backwards to Congreve but forwards to the robust humour of Boucicault, Dickens and Gilbert.

The Absolutes father and son, in the persons of Michael Hordern and Patrick Ryecart (and was it the gifted Mr Gaipsborough who did that

Antony and

Cleopatra

maidens are in multicoloured silk. The Romans are functional wears red leather jerkin and trousers, covered when we first

few years previously, knew too

well: a marriage-market where

youthful enterprise mines away

unseen beneath parental plans.

Sir Michael gives us the comic

tour de force you would hope for

- "plaguy gruff", says Jack, and

that seems a mild description

for this martyr to the gout, with whom only someone of Mr

Ryecart's wit and spirit could

He may melt into ecstasies

over the charms of his future

daughter-in-law, and in the process of a fruit breakfast too,

manage to deal.

complete person, lighthearted the stage in darkness, yet with depths of feeling. Against this black devious and straightforwardly acting is starkly expo

achievement. Adrian Noble's production, transferred from the Other the emotions; his despair at the Octavius's defeat of Egypt. If Place, allows an unimpeded end was emphatic but unconview of the action. He has vincing More involving was the unmoved. Cleopatra's last stripped away the trappings, realization of Bob Peck's Eno-leaving a bare black stage on barbus of the depths of his two levels. Nadine Baylis's betrayal of Antony. The old costumes provide the commenstripped away the trappings, realization of Bob Peck's Enocostumes provide the commen- soldier's pragmatism is over- early promise to being an tary on the differences between taken by the gut feeling that actress of considerable depth. East and West. Cleopatra wears nothing but death can exonerate extravagant gold and her hand- deserting a friend.

and austere, with robes like out in the lesser roles. The Petherbridge's severely Scottish uniforms. The renegade Antony protective attitude of Cleopa- gentleman makes a seldom-

infinite variety of Cleopatra's peded by scene-changes in a moods and achieves the quick- swift continuous whole, another

devious and straightforwardly acting is starkly exposed. I was (Clive Wood) fall into an courageous. It is a tremendous less than happy with Michael almost homosexual clinch.

The opposing qualities of Rome and Egypt are brought tra's maids towards the unhappy Eunuch, who is all too From the outset, this is see him by a glittering Egyptian aware in the sensual atmosundoubtedly Helen Mirret he coloak.

evening She has captured by Thus the play moves unimand the Eunuch in turn the sensual atmosphere of what he has missed, and the Eunuch in turn comforting Cleopatra when she hears of Antony's marriage, all silver changeability that has scene beginning as soon as the reflect a pervading female cluded other actresses. In previous scene fades, as in a influence. Octavius's court is midflight she slides from laugh- film. Changes of mood are staunchly masculine, emotions ter to anger to playfulness with stressed by Leo Leibovici's expressed in backslapping not a hint of a gear change. The lighting that focuses at times on friendship, and release gained many facets add up to a one character, leaving the rest of through orginstic drinking parties, where, in the heat of the Against this blackness, the moment, Antony and Pompeius

speaks for a whole childhood of

what he describes as "Jack, do

this - if he demurred, I knocked

Advised to clap the unwisely

loving Lydia under lock and key, Mrs Malaprop omin-

ously characterizes the suitor

Beverley as "an ensign whom

nobody knows anything of",

and Sheridan, who knew what a

blank reception from self-ap-

pointed judges of acceptability

was like, must have written that

with a wry smile. Geraldine

McEwan plays Malaprop as a

Gambon's Antony, whose arro-gance and bluster skated over male and female finally meet in Antony's death leaves one

Clare Colvin

#### Concert

The only escape from this came

thrusting Ring themes, here made unpleasantly military. Dame Janet was obliged to put

her chin in the air and adopt the

posture and vocal style of an

old-fashioned Valkyrie, which

Sometimes it can be advis-

Weller demonstrated in a

commitment

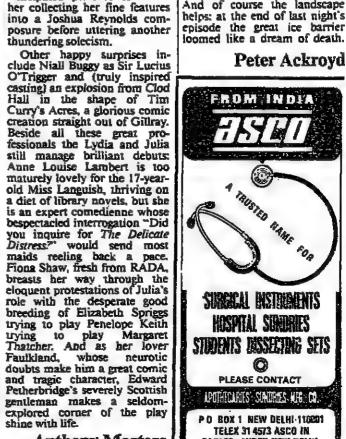
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Even Dame Janet Baker, then has at least one foot made of with an uncertainty that was quite astonishing in her, with maladjusted tone and the odd flamess that did not improve for being so defiantly sustained. Her answer to the problem seemed to be an extra injection of feeling, and the awkwardness was quickly overcome, but she was at less than a high level of at least gave her a persona to that favoured the outposts of emotional intensity and became screen off the suffering the orchestra, horns and solo emotional intensity and became distinctly uncomfortable especially in the second and fifth songs. It was simply impossible to credit that anybody could care so much about curiously come-day-go-day per-

the eestatic nothingnesses that formance of Mahler's Fifth Symphony. There was no plan Mathilde Wesendonck was penning for her adored Richard to it, no reason why one thing Mr. Weller compounded the should follow another, and the excess. The final postlude massively diverse second movement was a structural mess. The seemed as if it was never going to end, and elsewhere the RPO's Adagietto was also unlucky in falling victim to slowness again: clay. She began Wagner's deficiencies in tone and falling victim to slowness again: Wesendorck Lieder on Tuesday angetherness were unfortunately it became a death trap to the deficiencies in tone and

magnified by the slow motion. strings. This disorganized performin the fourth song, with its ance happened on some good things: caustically cheap banjo effects in the middle of the giant scherzo, made the more telling. by someone in the audience dropping silver at the time. It was generally a performance that favoured the outposts of trumpet as well as double basses, but the centre was rarely

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MARKET REPORT 6 by Michael Clark I The worst of the recession may be over for ICL, one of

## **Boost for ICI**

ACCOUNT DAY: Dazings Began, Monday, Dealings end, April 22. Contango Day, April 25. Seltisment Day, May 3.

Yesterday, the shares held steady at 416p - only 4p short of the year's high - after a significant upgrading of profits by the influential Scottish All ICT's European profits are £1,000m of stock on offer.

earned in Deutschemarks. The steadier oil price should First quarter figures, due on April 28, are expected to show pretax profits up from £62m to 690m. Analyst Mr Jim Cook, at American economy. Wood, Mackenzie, has dramati-

cally upgraded his earlier forecast by £102m to £462m for Alfa-Laval, the Swedish engineering company, is placing up to £1,000m above earlier esti-800,000 shares in Britain to mates. the full year, compared with £497m last year. However, for 1984 he is looking for a recordraise about £17.5m to fund more overseas trade. breaking £662m. The previous best of £627m was achieved in

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Britain's biggest industrial companies and traditionally the

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petrochemicals while the England had received appli-weaker pound against the carions worth only between Deutschemark should also help. £250m and £500m for the

The market also discounted the continued improvement of see an end to destocking in the the pound's steady performance rest of industry, also helped by on the foreign exchange, finishfurther improvement in the ing 0.6 cents down at \$1.5345 and dealers were dismayed by the latest figures showing government borrowings

Shares of Fisons slipped 3p to 605p after news that 94.52 per cent of the 7.4 million extra best of £627m was achieved in
1979.

Elsewhere, interest rate hopes
continued to dominate sentilast month had been taken up.

Mr Cook expects a much improved contribution from the paused for breath after this placed the remaining 408,000 shares in the market at 590p to the turn.

Meanwhile, Fisons already spent £1.3m of its cash be reduced to under £100m profit with falls of up to £1<sub>b</sub> in on the acquisition of Societa against earlier forecasts of longs ahead of dealings in the £139m.

Meanwhile, the Germans 1989 today. But dealers continue to push up price of reckoned that the Bank of added another 1p to the

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troubled tyre giant Dunlop, at 59p. Pegi Multi-Purpose bought another 6.5 million shares this week, taking its stake to 26.1 per

As-predicted by The Times in January, Mr Touker Suleyman has asked shareholders in

According to broker Statham Duff Sloop, in its latest review of the construction industry, there is a backlog of renewal and maintenance of main roads, sewers and public-sector buildings. As a result, it recommends purchase of Brickhouse Dudley, unchanged at 60p, and Y J Lovell, 2p up at 190p. Investors should also take up their rights entitlement on John Mowlem, uo 20 at 2420.

continue with the group's rejuvenation. The group is issuing 619,000 shares at 100p which may lead to a bid. At this on the basis of one-for-six to raise £545,000. The issue has

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been underwritten by brokers Laing & Cruikshank and the Mellins directors. The money will be used to reduce the group's debt. The shares closed 13p higher at 164p. Also on the cash raising trail

was Immediate Business Systems. The group is hoping to raise £2.52m by way of a rights issue of 1.35 million at 198p on the basis of one-for-four. Broker Margetts & Addenbrooke East, Newton, have underwritten the deal. The group, which makes and markets immediate billing systems, has also forecast a loss of £1.6m for the year. The

shares tumbled 22p to 264p. Little Arlen Electrical jumped 18p to 275p on hopes that Mr Arthur Levy, chairman, will return from the Hanover trade fair, in Germany, today weighed under with orders for his new fluorescent light starter

Also in electricals, BICC slipped 8p to 235p after a lunch with brokers. But Benn Bros, the publishers, advanced 25p to 153p after the board announced had received an approach level, the group is valued at just above £10m.

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City Comment

How are

the mighty

fallen

It is an arresting sign of the times that Saudi Ara-

bia plans this year to run a

budget deficit equivalent to

about 9 per cent of gross domestic product. Com-

pare this with 31/2 per cent in Britain. The collapse in

oil prices and consumption

also means that the king-

dom is likely to incur a

balance of payments defi-

King Fabd told the

spending in the fiscal year

which starts tomorrow

(£49,600m), up 8 per cent from the outturn for last

year, against revenues of

Only two years ago the

kingdom was prudently balancing its budget and

running a huge balance of

payments surplus on cur-

crucial decision has been

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cal level not to reduce the

The government cannot

growth rate.

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be \$76,400m

City Editor Anthony Hilton

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Telephone 01-837 1234 STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 687.1 down 0.6 FT Gilts: 82.24 down 0.25 FT All Share: 433.02, down

Bargains: 23,274 Tring Hall USM Index: 170. down 0.2 **Tokyo:** Nikkel Dow Jone Average 8480.44 up 11.81

Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1057.30 up 4.90 New York: Dow Jones Aver age (latest) 1150.74 up 5.42

**CURRENCIES** 

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.5365 down 50pts Index 82.8 up 0.8 DM 3.7500 FrF 11.2225 Yen 366.50 Dollar Index 122.4 up 0.3 DM 2.4375 up 140pts

\$429.50 down \$2.75 NEW YORK LATEST Gold \$429.25 Sterling \$1,5360

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Base rates 10½ 3 month Interbank 10% 10% **Euro-currency rates**; 3 month dollar 95/16-95/16 3 month DM 51/16-415/16 3 month 135/6-131/2

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for Interest period March 2 to April 5, 1983 inclusive: 10.974 per

PRICE CHANGES

A I ind Prod 13p, up 15 Benn Bros 153p, up 25p Bodycote 58p, up 11p Gt Nthin Tele 2481<sub>b</sub>, up 271<sub>b</sub> Met Explor 40p, up 4p Royal Worcs 168p, up 23p Hockware 41p, down 5p M T D (Mangula) 21p, down

Brook St 24p, down 2p Eisburg Gold 275p, down Cons Plant 75p, down 41/2 Hewden-Stuart 34p, down

TODAY

interims Dowding and Mills, MP Kent, Win Low, Martonair, New Central Witwatersrand areas, Peters Stores, St Grp. Finals: Anglo American, Ash and Lacy, Associated British Ports, Beauford, Benford Concrete Machinery, Cass Rp. General Investors and Trustees, Green's Economiser, To Harrison, Hestair, House Prop-erty Company of London, Lec Retrigeration, London Brick, Martin Albert, Morgan Crucible, Newarthill, Austin Reed, RTZ. Taylor Woodrow, Utd Ceramic Distributors.

banks' assets and llabilities and the money stock (mid March), London dollar and sterling certificates of deposit (mid March).

Maxwell ready to bid for Cope Mr Robert Maxwell is said to

be ready to bid 70p for Cope Allman International which would top the Dowable consortium's 60p bid by 10p. A 70p offer would value Cope at 127.7m.

The bid would come through

Hollis Bros & ESA which holds more than 7 per cent of Cope's shares and is 85 per cent owned by Pergammon Press, Mr Maxwell's private company. Last night Mr Michael Doherty. Cope's chief executive, said the board had been approached last Friday be Mr Maxwell but no price had been discussed. The Cope board meets on

Monday and reports say it will recomend an offer from Mr Maxwell, But Mr Doherty said it remained Cope's aim to stay independent and it was not looking for a white knight.

• fim TAKEOVER: Lex Service Group, which is best

known as a car and commercial distributors, yesterday streng-Holdings, an unquoted British holding company. The takeover was funded by placing 6.6 million Lex shares on the stock market at 231p each.

UDS CIRCULAR: Directors of UDS, which recommend rand's experiment. Rapid inflation and a yawning balance of improve only modestly, despite against the higher one from Hanson Trust say they weighed the prospects of employment against price in reaching their duties under the government a more restrictive economic course which will before the latest devaluation. The forecasts were prepared the government a more restrictive frequency only modestly, despite short-lived and the external deficit climbed. Rising wage costs, catacrotated by government and increase within the European Monetary unemployment, the OECD says. System and the austerity measures on the minimum wage, work sharing and high interest rates, impaired lines in a circular to share holders. The two dissenting directors who preserved the expected but also from doming their take account of the drop in take account improve only modestly, despite short-lived and the external deficit climbed. Rising wage costs, exacerbated by government and the austerity measures amounteed by President high interest rates, impaired high interest rates, impaired high interest rates, impaired high interest rates are one higher Hanson bid will put any expected but also from domination within the European Monetary assuments. But on the positive side they do not take account of the drop in trade account improves more vorld oil prices and greater optimism over international term policy might have to become even more restrictive. ors of UDS, which recommend-

## The Dow passes record by 5 points

New York (AP-Dow Jones) --Wall Street stocks held their carly gain yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial

average rose about 5 points at 1150 - solidly over the record closing high of 1145.90 set on

Advancing issues led declines by nearly a two-to-one margin and trade continued heavy. International Business Ma-

futernational Business Machines was 107% up % General Motors 60 up ½ General Electric 107% off ½ American Telephone and Telegraph 64% up ½ International Paper 53% up ½ Exton 32% up ½ Minnesota Mining 77% unchanged; Athantic Richfield 44 up ½ and Merck 83% up ½

Methods was up 1½ to 107%. Motorola was up 1½ to 107%. Teledyne up 2½ to 148%. Flexi-Van down 1½ at 24%. Comsat down ½ at 67; Whirlpool up 1 to 51½. General Mills down ½ at 54½. Lockheed down ¼ at 106 and General Dynamics up 1½ at 44½.

Mr William Lefvre, analyst at Purcell Graham, said: "Despite all the fears about a sputtering in the economy the recovery is for real, It's healthy and looking even better than the AdministPublic borrowing may be £1,000m over Budget forecasts

## Bank of England signals go-ahead for half-point cut in base rates

base leading rates, and a cut from 10½ to 10 per cent is message to the markets has thus been to "cool it". But

the 1982-83 financial year may have been £1,000m higher than

After more than a week of holding the line on interest rates against City pressure for a reduction, the Bank of England yesterday trimmed its key money market dealing rates by np to 4 percentage point.
. This is a clear signal to the

banks that a base rate cut is now . The Commons Treass in order, and it is likely to be Civil Service Select Con reinforced by a further trun-ming of dealing rates today if the banks do not move first.

The authorities have been anxious to temper what they regard as the markets' over-

enthusiastic rush to lower rates as sterling bounced back once fears of an oil price collapse

The Bank of England yester- without putting sterling under to give the go-shead for a day gave the green light to the pressure in a still-volatile modest interest tate reduction.

The Bank of England yester- without putting sterling under to give the go-shead for a to cheer the gilt market. The clearing banks to lower their market, and without jeopardiz- The pound slipped half a cent new medium tap stock was, as a reminer a stronger dellar vertex.

expected today. has thus been to "cool it". But
But new official figures the acceptance by British
suggest that public borrowing in National Oil Corporation's customers of the latest price cut and Tuesday's call by Mr Paul

the Deutsche mark. Its trade-weighted index gained 0.8 to 82.8, its highest level for nearly three months. A half-noint cut in bank base rates forecast in the Budget, reinforc Volcker, Chairman of the half-point cut in bank base rates ing the widely held view that United States Federal Reserve, has already been more or less the Government's borrowing for lower American interest discounted by the foreign target for 1983-84 is over rates has encouraged Whitehall exchange markets.

to cheer the gilt market. The ago of £11,257m. against a stronger dollar yester-day to \$1.5365, but rose against other leading currencies such as

expected, undersubscribed with the end of the financial year are only a third to a half of the other leading currencies such as

£1,000m on offer being taken government departments and

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Gilt prices fell on unease over the latest government borrow-

## MPs criticize 'unclear' fiscal policy

said in a report on the Budget that three essential conditions would need to be met if the Chancellor's limited recovery was to be achieved.

single most importnat brake on investment expenditure, would not be able to fall much further 'action would be needed to meet

The Government was criticized yesterday for failing to clarify its interest and exchange rate policies.

The Commons Treasury and The Commons Trea The all-party committee agreed that the Treasury had failed to spell out any coherent since the Government entered office, have far more important policy on interest rates and exchange rate movements. Mr Edward du Cann, Conservative tivity that a £1,000m or £2,000m

fiscal adjustment. "The potential benefit to industry from each 1 per cent fall in the currency is worth up to £1,000m, provided costs can be controlled.

Interest rate optimism failed Budget estimate only a month

Estimates for borrowing at government departments and local authorities tend to bunch spending in the final month to soak up any spare cash.

But the rush to spend last These showed central government borrowing in 1982-83 of £12,581m compared with a government alone paying out government alone paying out about £1,300m more in March than expected on goods and

As a result, public sector borrowing in 1982-83 is likely to be £1,000m or so higher than the £7,500m forecast in the Budget. And last month's spree, which has almost eliminated the expected shortfall on departmental spending, casts doubt on this year's public borrowing forecast of £8,000m.

The 1983-84 forecast builds in a £1.600m allowance for shortfall, But if departments are right up to their permitted cash limits this may now not materialize, especially since rising inflation later this year is

#### afford to do this, for political reasons, but an economic argument can be made as well. The Saudis are presumably taking the view that oil prices and demand will pick up next year. Higher world economic growth forecasts support the case.

But it is far from clear how the Saudis propose to and their deficit.

Saudi Arabia has no domestic capital market worthy of the name, so the deficit will presumably be financed either by external borrowing, or drawing on foreign reserves, or both. But \$10,000m is a fair

proportion of the kingdom's extternal assets of about \$160,000m, and withdrawal of that amount could cause some concern among banks and security markets.

It is likely, therefore, that this year we shall witness the extraordinary sight of Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, borrowing on international markets.

#### MPs seek JBE 'sale' statement

By a Correspondent Sir John Mayhew-Sanders the chairman of John Brown, is to be asked by two Scottish Labour MPs today to make a quarrel among Fleet Street public statement on the future newspaper proprietors. of the company's unbine division, John Brown Engineering, after extensive rumours

that it is to be sold off. Mr Hugh McCartney, Dumbartonshire Central, and Mr Andrew McMahon, (Glasgow, Govan), say they have infor-mation that suggests John Brown's board is considering selling off JBE for around £50m to off set projected overall losses for the company of around £9m this year. John Brown's total debts are estimated at about £40m.

Mr McCarmey said yesterday: There is something happening but it's happening at the highesat level. I have spoken to Mr Graham Strachan, the managing director of IBE. He knows there is something going on, but he's as to raise the tempo of the much in the dark as I am". Mr argument who owns how much McMahon said: It's not fair to of the company. Their 41 per the workforce who are very cent share is held through the nuch aware of this situation. The company must make a

statement either way". Hawker Siddelely, GEC and Northern Engineering Indus-tries have all been named as being interested in JBE. Al-though Hawker Siddeley has confirmed it has "looked at" JBE, it declined to comment whether it would be making an

offer, as did GEC. Best placed to acquire TBE is Northern Industries, whose profits rose last year from £33m to £39.5m. But Mr Duncan McDonald, chairman, said: We have had no comact

whatsoever with John Brown". JBE made a trading profit last year of £5m and is expected to be in the black again this year. This month it clinched a £8.5m turbine order, its 14th from the Soviet Union.



## **Profit doubles to** £36m at Reuters

Renters vesterday announced profits that had more than doubled to £36.5m. Ownership of the news and financial information agency has been the cause of an extraordinary

been transformed in recent years by its move into supplying computer-based financial information to banks and dealers around the world; boosted operating profits from £16.4m to £36.5m in 1982. Much of this rise reflected better profit margins although a strong sales performance still helped to push up revenues by 30 per cent to

Owned mainly by the provincial and national press, Reuters, chaired by Sir Denis Hamilton, is raising the dividend to shareholders by 200 per cent. Last year it paid a £1.96m dividend, equivalent to 14 per cent, of 1981 after tax profits. This year it is paying £5.68m or

17 per cent of net profits.

The increased payout is sure Newspaper Publishers Association but there is dispute over how this should be allocated among the Fleet Street com-

The argument could be



Hamilton: Reuters' ownership in dispute

settled at meetings planned during the next few weeks. Mr J E Lepage, director of the association, said yesterday:
"One would hope the matter association. will be resolved within the next three to four weeks."

Mr Glen Renfiew, managing

director of Renters, said: "The 1982 results confirm the promise of 1981. Exchange rate movements helped us a little, but most of the improvement in the figures was solidly based on control. We continued to cope well with the competition." Reuters' profits have soared

from £3.9m in 1980 and another big rise in profits is expected in the current year.

### £1.1m mail order loss at Empire

Empire Stores (Bradford) Year to 29.1.83 Pretax loss £1.1m (profit £2.4m Stated earnings 1.47p (5.61p) Turnover £142m (£139m) Net dividend 0.1p (2.55p) Share price 68p, up 4p Dividend payable 30.6.83

Like the other two mail orde reported their figures, Empire to £13.5m by much improved mering in 1082.82 Stores (Bradioru) took recession second half.

Mering in 1982-83 as recession second half.

At the half-way stage Pearl's half-way stage Pearl's half-way stage Pearl's

than expected and Mr John Gratwick, the chairman, is underwriting in the second. bullish about the current year Motor claims were also d

### Claim fall lifts Pearl by 17 pc

Pearl Assurance Year to 31.12.82 Net profit £13.5m (£11.5m) Net final dividend 18p, making 27.5p (23p) Share price 621p, up 23p. Yield

Pearl Assurance was helped

net profits were down by nearly But unlike Freemans and a tenth. But the property account in Britain, which was second half was much better badly hit by weather claims in than expected and Mr John the first half, broke even on

even though there could still be in the second half, helped by the a small first-half loss. The City had expected much transfer to strengthen the claims worse figures after Grattan's reserve. For the whole of last poor results last week and year, the underwriting loss scaled the expected loss up to \$2.5m from £2m. But the The stock market welcomed second half profit of £838,000 both the results and the 24 per Mayhew Sanders: facing unexpectedly offset the first half cent increase in the final

Dividend payable 15.6.83

Motor claims were also down

OECD says France may fall behind in upturn

## **Cost of Mitterrand experiment**

the world how socialist policies months is not encouraging in December. could usher in a prosperous new terms of activity and employeconomic order, is in danger of ment", the OECD says. Econthened its presence in the being left behind by inter- omic output is expected to be economy by the Paris-based weak to Organisation of Economic 1984. Cooperation and Development Unit

yesterday.
The OECD economists deliver a grim verdict on the first year "after marking time tem- spending was satisfied more by two years of President Mitte- porarily". And the balance of imports than from domestic rand's experiment. Rapid in-payments deficit is expected to sources, so the recovery was

France, which hoped to show economy over the next 18 looked at the world outlook in

The OECD is highly critical the Mitterand government bution business with the the latest survey on the French per cent growth last year, with a have checked the recessionary £15.3m acquisition of Jermyn economy by the Paris-based weak upturn in the first half of trend which become national recovery, according to "all but flat" in 1983 after 1.5 though it concedes that these weak upturn in the first half of trend which began in mid-1980 and stabilised the unemploy-Unemployment is expected ment total. to worsen by 150,000 to 200,000

It says the stimulus to between now and early next demand through household spending was satisfied more by payments deficit is expected to sources, so the recovery was

#### More talks called at Harrods

It is very important that people

know what government policies are. Here is an unknow area; the

ment yesterday in the row between the main House of Fraser board and Lourho the company's largest shareholder, on whether Harrods, the Knightsbridge store, should be split from the rest of the group. House of Fraser has refused a

request by Lonhro representa-tives on its board that a separate motion calling for a demerger of Harrods be put to a shareholders' meeting on May 6 Lonbro, has requisitioned a separate meeting to consider its proposal. Fraser directors declined to say whether this would be held in tandem with the

meeting called to pass their own resolution expressing confi-dence in the board and backing its view that Harrods should remain in the group. A document to explain this

view was dispatched to Fraser

shareholders last night.

## STC plans division to sell expertise

By Andrew Cornelius

Standard Telephones and communications and computer Cables, the electricals group headed by Sir Kenneth Corfield, plans to set up a new operating STC's expertise in research, new product development and factory automation systems.

The new division, STC Technology, will have an annual turnover of £60m a year and nearly 2,000 employees. It will include Standard Telephone Laboratories, a new product development unit at Harlow. Essex, and a factory automation systems and machine tools operating unit at Foots Cray, in Kent.

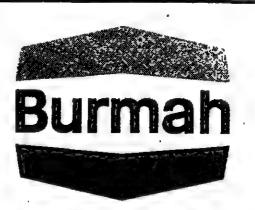
ITT IDEC, which STC formally takes over from its employs 330 people at Stevenow, he said.

softwear consultancy. About 20 per cent of STC Technology's business is with companies outside the STC group at present. However, Sir Kenneth believes that the company could double that amount once the company is launched. "This would have a corresponding effect on the numbers employed", he said.

Sir Kenneth said the decision to establish the new division would turn STC's research and development work into a profit maker for the group.

Sir Kenneth said that the only factor which could delay setting up the new company in former parent company, ITT. September is a problem in this month, will also be included in the division. IDEC

We are looking for someone



## 1982 RESULTS AND FINAL DIVIDEND

6 In spite of the recession, we held our trading profit and continued the planned development of the business.

The quality, range and geographical spread of Burmah's operations provide ample opportunity for growth as world economic recovery gathers pace. 99

Sir Alastair Down, Chairman.

| SALIENT FIGURES                                | 1982<br>£ million | 1981<br>£ million |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Turnover                                       | 1,536-8           | 1,407-9           |
| Profit before taxation                         | 81-0              | 81.4              |
| Profit after taxation                          | 29-5              | 36.7              |
| Extraordinary losses                           | (18-5)            | (47-6)            |
| Attributable to stockholders                   | 8-9               | (12-9)            |
| Earnings per ordinary stock unit               | 18-33p            | 23-40p            |
| Net tängible assets per<br>ordinary stock unit | 226p              | 228p              |

The directors have resolved to recommend a final dividend for the year 1982 of 71/2p per £1 unit of ordinary stock (1981 7p). With related tax credit, this is equivalent to 10-7143p per £1 unit of ordinary stock (1981 10p). Together with the interim dividend paid last December, the total distribution for the year with related tax credit is 12-8571p per £1 unit of stock (1981 12-1429p). The cost to the company of the total distribution for the year (excluding advance corporation tax) is £13.9m (1981 £13.2m).

The final dividend, if approved, will be paid on 1 July 1983 to stockholders on the register at the close of business on 10 May

The figures for the year to 31 December 1982 are abridged from the Group's full accounts for that period. which received an unqualified auditors' report and will be filed with the Registrar of Companies after the annual general meeting.

To: The Secretary, The Burmah Oil Public Limited Company, Burmah House, Pipers Way, Swindon, Wilts. SN3 1 RE. Please send me a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts 1982.

The Burmah Oil Public Limited Company

The Annual Report and Accounts will be published on 10 May 1983. If you would like a copy, please fill in the coupon. The AGM will be held in Glasgow on 3 June 1983. The Burmah Oil Public Limited Company. Burmah House, Pipers Way, Swindon SN3 1 RE.

**APPOINTMENTS** 

#### New chief of finance at BICC

Mr J. R. Martyn has been appointed finance director of BICC. Mr Martyn was previously director, planning and finance of BICC Cables.

Mr R. Nelson Oliver has become chairman of Wimpey Homes Holdings, the Wimpey group's United Kingdom pri-

vate housing arm.

Mr Tony Coane is the new managing director of Wimpey Construction, the Wimpey group's United Kingdom contracting arm.

Mr Peter W. Bickerton has joined Manufacturers Hanover as an associate director in the corporate finance department Previously Mr Bickerton was deputy chairman and deputy managing director of Sime Darby London.

Mr J. Wood Scott has been appointed contract operations director of Meir Westgarth, He succeeds Mr John F. Davies who became managing director

Mr John Pilkinton is the new marketing director of Norwest

the board of London ship-brokers Eggar Forrester. He remains managing director of the associated company, Eggar, Forrester Offshre, Mr Paul Tailor Willcox, managing dir-remaining 50 per cent of 7.6% cctor of Eggar. Forrester, has Clarkson Puckle, insurance Dividend payable 1.7.83

Mr Robin S. Napier has Looking to 1983, the com-become a director of Marlar pany says it is starting with

Cadbury Schweppes. Mr Stephen Whitehead has

been appointed managing dir-ector of C. Howard & Partners.

#### INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK @ edited by Sally White

# Gill & Duffus edges ahead

Gill & Duffus Group Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit £12.9m (£12.8m) Stated earnings 11.0p (10.4p) Turnover £1,006m (£889m) Net final dividend 4.8p mkg 8.4p (same) Share price 178p +8p. Yield 6.7%

Dull commodity markets were expected to produce coresponding profits at Gill & Duffus, and the small increase to £12.9m was in line with expectations. But the share price has moved up, reflecting a jump to £19m or £20m this year, with a rise for shareholders as a result. Most markets have seen more activity this year, and the company has closed loss makers.

In chemical trading Gill & to £500,000 close-down costs in ability to buy raw material. As a the United States. But the new result, European pushes the Shipping improved from sugar and grain team, operating from 28 per cent to 19 per cent Shipping improved from from Geneva and Connevticut, of turnover. But bank credits £5.3m to £10.7m, but the are now beginning to be continuing feebleness of the

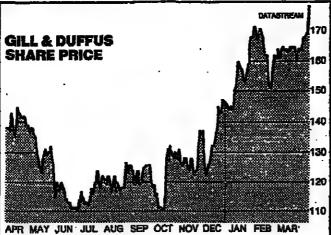
balanced that out.
The traditional businesses -had a quiet trading period, but coffee exporting from Brazil did

Metal trading was weak, and Mr David Hicks has become managing director of Bowater Ripper.

Mr John Abecasis has joined the board of London ship
The board of London ship
Mr David Hicks has become has been reorganized on a commission only basis. This in now in line with Gill & Duffus' gold and petroleum futures operations. The costs of physical basis of the statement o cal trading are regarded as being too heavy, considering con-

ditions. been appointed to the broker, from Brooke Bond and board of Eggar, Forrester this made £2.3m, slightly better

than 1981. Looking to 1983, the commore activity and profitability -Mr A. Michael Detslay is to join Allied Breweries as marketing director. He is currently ing. It plans to build on its new Yesterday's results are cer-



Although there should

some improvement in profits

this year, Burmah's health is

tied to the economy. Without

which Burmah continues to

shares are going to look extremely dull,

Only slight recovery from £605,000 pretax can be expected

dend may be restored.

no knowledge,

the long-rumoured bid.

In chemical trading Gill & to provide credit for those while lubricants and fuels, the Duffus lost £3m and has countries which reduced their other twin support of the company, was marginally down tanker market means this

a vailable again. The traditional businesses - Soft commodity activity has mainly cocoa, coffee and rubber cooled a little, and the market may decide that the prospective rating at 13½ times earnings is

#### Burmah Oil

Burmah Oil Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profits £81.0m (£81.4m) Stated earnings 18.33p (£3.40p) Turnover £1,536.8m (£1,407.9m) Final dividend 7½ mkg 9p (8½p) Share price 168p up 5p

The most notable news from Burmah vesterday was that Sir Alastair Down, who saved the company after the great tanker crash, is retiring as chairman in

Yesterday's results are cermarketing director of Cadbury. Sugar and grain companies, and tainly nothing to write home to strengthen coffee trading in about, but although flat, pretax Cadbury Schweppes. been responding to improved the City expected. The figures orders from the motor industry.

Business with Eastern Europe improvement in exploration

#### Higgs and Hill Group

Higgs and Hill Group Year to 31.12.82 Pertax profit £4.6m (£3.6m) Stated earnings 38.4p (30.30p) Turnover £150m (£127m) Net/finel dividend 5.75p mkg 9p Share price 335p up 13p Yield 3.8%

Construction and property group Higgs & Hill has main tained the steady upward trend in both profits and dividends, and is reflecting the relative bouyancy of its private commercial construction work in the south east and its reputation in management contracting.

Sales and profits are up 27 per cent, and the dividend is up 38 per cent, still more than four

The company says it has become increasingly difficult to replace construction work in momentum will not be main-tained in the coming year. As usual, Burman continues to pay Britain with work at a satisfac-tory margin, and profits and sales are expected to be flat this for its problems of the past, this

time primarily the disastrous Overseas, which accounts for Tabbert caravan operation in about 20 per cent of turnover, the company has secured some good contracts, with the £15m These crop up in the form of a £9m loss on the investment division (against a £900,000 profit in 1981) and in £14m of central bank in Barbados, and a £25m management contract for write-offs that make up the bulk of this year's extraordinary items provision of £18.5m.

a hospital in Egypt.

Property in Britain was difficult, and the trading result was disappointing. In France lettings were good, athough this was not fully reflected in profits, but an improvement is expected

Higgs & Hill is confident that a further good performance will be shown this year, and the market is suggesting that up to £5.5m pretax could be made. The balance sheet remains strong, the company being in a

from glass group Rockware this good net cash position. year, given pressure on margins, its 90 per cent debt to share-holders' funds ratio, and heavy capital spending. But the divi-

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#### COMPANY:NEWS IN BRIEF

Immediate Business Systems is to raise about £2.52m net of expenses by a one-for-four rights issue of 1.85m new ordinary shares of 10p each at 198p per share. The Issue has been underwritten by Margetts & Addentrooker, East, Newton etrickprokers to immediate. Newton, stockbrokers to immediate Business Systems. IBS also announces a new venture in Hongkong. Shares in IBS have been dealt on the Unlisted been dealt on the Unisted Securities Market since a placing at 90p per share in February, 1982.

Astbury & Madeley (Holdings) Pretax profit, £1.21m (£901,000) Stated samings, 12.1p (11.3p) Turnover, £12.27m (£10,55m) Net dividend, 5.0p (5.0p)

Huntleigh Group Year to 31.12.82 Fretax profit, £803,000 (£1.4m) Stated earnings, 4.8p (8.7p) Turnover, £17.38m (£14.71m) Net dividend, 2.0p (1.7p)

John Finlan Year to 31.12.82 T 627 TO 31.12.62 Pretax profit, £592,000 (£568,000) Stated earnings, 12.44p (20.48p) Turnover, £4.6m (£6.3m) Net dividend, 6.25p (6.25p)

Wilson (Connolly) Holdings Year to 31.12.82. Pretax profit, £10.1m (£8.31m) Stated earnings, 31.1p (£7.3p) Turnover, £43.7m (£39.8m) Net dividend, 3.75p (3p)

Oilfield Inspection Services Year to 31.12.82 Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £1.34m (£1.03m) Stated earnings, 10.7p (10.4p) Turnover, £11.76m (£9.22m) Net dividend, 2.3p (nil)

Royal Worceste Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £1.28m (£1.95m) Stated earnings, 12.5p (£5.1p) Turnover, £49.63m (£47.76m) Net dividend, 8.6p (8.6p)

## **Automation revives** Dewhirst's margins

By Jonathan Clare Heavy expenditure by L J. Dewhirst on automating its textile plant has helped improved margins in the face of almost static selling prices to increase profits from £2.5m to 2.9m last year.

Sales this year are already well ahead and increased volume should mean first half profits are at least 15 per cent

suffered last year from growing investment income down slight-

Companies like Hepworth
and the Burton Group are
believed to have been tendering
to fill gaps in their production

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Sales last year were up by
18.2 per cent, all but 1.2 per
cent of which is volume. There
is a one-for-four scrip issue.

Year to 14.1.63
Pretax profit £2.9m (£2.5m)
Stated earnings 6.53p (5.55p)
Turnover £27.4m (£23.2m)
Net dividend 1.27p (1.05p)
Share price 127, up 4p. Yield 1.4%

lines. This competition means sales last year missed targers, but prospects are much better with a year's work in hand.

Capital expenditure last year Dewhirst's success is largely was £1.4m, but substantially due to its long-standing remore is expected this year with lationship with Marks and hopes that the recession is Spencer which takes about 90 ending. Cash is marginally up per cent of its production. But on a year ago at £4.5m even the uniform side – mainly for the police with the Metropolithe police with the Metropoli-tan force a big customer lower interest rates have pushed

## Mohair boost to £1.96m

By Jeremy Warner

A substantial improvement in demand for yarns last autumn, plus the effect of a weaker pound on British Mohair Spinners' competitive position, boosted the company's profits to £1.96m last year.

The improvement extends the recovery in the Bradford-based combing, dyeing and spinning group's profitability from the disastrous downturn in 1979 and 81. Most of it came in the second half.

Mr John, chairman, said trading conditions proved to be much better than expected with demand for worsted speciality 4.2p.

British Mohair Spinners.
Year to 31.12.82.
Pretax profit £1.96m (£852,000).
Stated earnings 9.6p (5p).
Turnover £25.76m (£22.2m).
Net final dividend 3.24p making 4.2p (4p).

during the autumn.

The company said that it was becoming increasingly competitive in world markets as a result of the cheaper pound.

A final dividend of 3.24p is being recommended raising the total for the year from 4p to

## COMMODITIES



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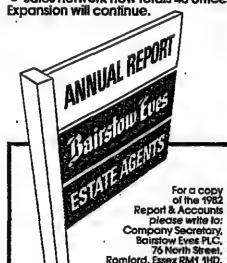
Bairstow Eves, the first residential estate agency to have its shares listed on The Stock Exchange, achieved record sales and record profits in 1982 and expects further expansion in 1983. The salient trading facts of

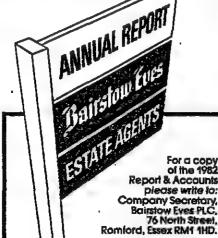
- Sales of 8,150 homes with a value of £250,000,000.
- Mortgages of £100,000,000 arranged for 4,500 purchasers.
- Profits £1,216,000 compared with £697,000 in 1981.
- Distribution of three bonus shares for every four shares held.
- Dividend rate for 1983 forecast to be maintained on increased share
- Additional sales offices will start earning profits this year.

## Substantial increase in profits

forecast for 1983.

Sales network now totals 46 offices.





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- 1982 saw substantial growth in the bank's business. Total assets grew by 19.3% to over \$285 million. Loans increased 51% to £113 million while total deposits rose by
- Net profit after tax and transfer to Inner Reserve increased by 35.5% to £638,000. Final dividend will be 7.00p per share making a total for the year of 10.15p (1981 – 10.15p). Total 1982 dividend will amount to £315,000 as against £210,000 in 1981.
- To match the progress of business the bank's capital was augmented by a £2.5 million rights issue and a £1.25 million subordinated loan. The progress of the branches justifies the policy of encouraging retail banking. The West End branch has been considerably enlarged to provide improved facilities for both customers and staff.
- The bank is making its first move outside London with the opening of a Northern Representative Office in Leeds. During the year new facilities were introduced for personal customers including some savings schemes and the launch of our Cashpoint service in conjunction
- with Lloyds Bank. The bank continued to play an active role in the financing and encouragement of bilateral British-Israel trade which totalled almost £500 million in 1982. Mr David Efrima has been appointed General Manager of the bank after serving

30 years in various managerial positions in Israel. Branches in the West End, the City, Edgware, Golders Green, and Gants Hill, Illord Northern Representative Office in Leeds

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#### Hewden-Stuart Plant revival

Glasgow-based Hewden-Stuart Plant bounced back into the black in the 12 months to January 30 with a pretax profit of £1.43m, compared with the previous year's loss of £954,000. Turnover was £5m greater at £86m. The total dividend is being maintained at 1.82p gross

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## Bowthorpe Holdings PLC

## Results for the Year ended 31 December 1982

1982 (1981)TURNOVER £72,79m (63.94m) **PRE-TAX PROFITS** £12.4m (11.4m) **EARNINGS PER SHARE** 15.8p (13.9p)TOTAL DIVIDEND 4.041p (3.415p)



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| Results to 31st December                          | 1982                             | · 1981                                |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Turnover<br>Profit before tax<br>Profit after tax | 24,131,833<br>508,450<br>261,157 | £<br>21,105,775<br>725,848<br>486,787 |
| Earnings per share<br>Dividend per share (net)    | 3.9p<br>3.3p                     | 7.6p<br>3.3p                          |

 $oldsymbol{6}$  ] am naturally disappointed with the overall result, but as anticipated cartain areas of the group were affected by the slow introduction of customers' new model ranges. The finances of the group remain sound and your board proposes to maintain the total ordinary dividend at 3.3p. We have continued to increase our range of products and to re-equip our factories,

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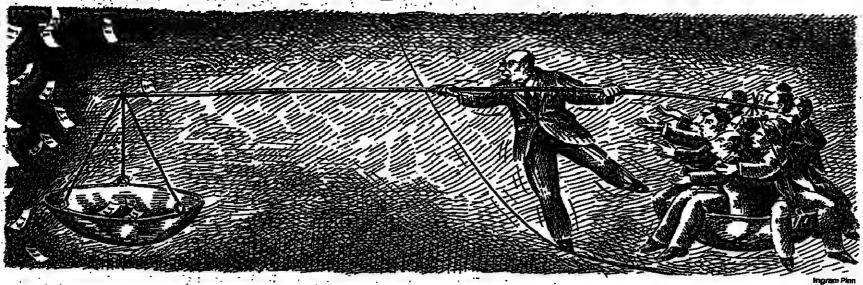
Demand for home loans is growing and property prices are moving upward. The societies have switched the focus from lending back to savings as they compete for funds from investors.

The overwhelming problem now confronting building societies is the perennial one of where to find the funds to meet mortgage demand, a complete turnaround from the situation 12 months ago when some societies were having difficulties finding borrowers.

This time last year building societies were being forced to abolish mortgage rate different meet repayments) to virtually trais, introduce 100 per cent anyone who walked in off the loans and generally relax lend, street. The banks' early claim ing policy in a bid to hang on to that they were in the mortgage their borrowing customers as market "long term" has a the banks made vast inroads somewhat hollow ring about it

the three months to the end of bank lending was down to about running at more than £1,600m a £200m a month and the month, societies are now once again Soci

Building societies



bearing the full brunt of demand for home loans - a. the full brunt of demand stimulated beyond the normal spring upturn by the banks' erstwhile policy of lending whatever the customer asked for (provided he could

into their lending territory.
In the three months ending
August 18, 1982 the banks lent
\$\frac{2}{2}\$1,375m compared with the savings with the societies' total of \$\frac{2}{2}\$4,115m for competing with each other for finds in an attempt to meet funds in an attempt to meet July. But by the end of the year. commitments to borrowers now

"Societies were forced to

February to maintain their changes in the banks' commit-current high level of lending ment to housing finance is activity' said Mr Richard Weir, bound to have a serious effect secretary general of the Building on the mortgage market' said Societies Association recently. reporting that they are finding it difficult to meet mortgage demand and are being forced to

Societies' liquidity which stood at nearly 21 per cent at the end of 1982 is down to about 18 per cent and continues to decline. "Since last summer societies have increased their monthly level of net advances from some £700m to about £840m. On the other hand the London clearing banks have reduced their lending over the

impose some restrictions".

draw on their liquid assets in month to £140m, Such marked running at under £400m a investigations and has conclud-

Providing the finds for lending at these levels continues to be the societies major preoccupation. Many new products and services have been introduced ranging from the much publicized Cheque Save account at Abbey National to cheques at Leeds Permanent discount cards from Leicester Building Society. What is worrying is that in spite of the fact that National Savings, the societies biggest competitor, is keeping a fairly same period from £350m a low profile, net receipts are

month while £700m is needed to meet demand for loans.

The societies hope to attract new customers and deposits with the introduction of ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) which give the account holder access to cash 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Halifax is launching more than 100 cash dispenser machines starting in June and hopes to have the installed in one in five of its 557 branches by the middle of 1984.

And the societies have been quick off the mark at investigat-ing the possibility of a common ATM network throughout the building society industry. A study group chaired by Peter Lumb of Leeds Permanent has completed the first stage of its

ed that a common ATM network is desirable. Stage two is now in progress and the group is looking at how the network should be established, whether it should be linked to the banks' systems, how much it might societies which take part.

One of the major conclusions of the study group was that building societies ought to take much greater part in the Committee of London Clearing Banks' discussions on ATMs. They are concerned that they should not be excluded from the banks' plans for a new national network for electronic cash transmission - a system for linking retailers' tills directly to

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on the banks' activities. Though the installation of societies are to be able to meet being reversed. mortgage demand in the coming

The Spalding Report set out a curiously it made no comment substantial proportion of the on reforming the societies tax adult population now has a treatment. If the composite rate building society account. were abolished and societies were free to pay interest without deduction of tax if requested, this would probably do more than any other single charge to round up new customers and more funds

The societies could retain the turrent system of deducting basic rate tax at source but non-taxpayers would be free to claim The composite rate now stands at 25.25 per cent reflecting the long-term reduction in the real value of tax thresholds and the fact that more building society investors than ever before are liable to tax. To abolish the composite rate would cut some 0.5 per cent off the societies' operating margins which would have to be recouped by widening the spread between mortgage rate and investment

A major feature of progress over the past decade has been the speed with which mergers have reduced the number of societies. In 1971 there were the banks' computers, allowing 467 societies but by 1982 the

instant debiting of customers' number had been halved to 227 accounts. We have made no with 26 disappearing in 1982 formal decision on it but our alone. During this period the general reaction must be that we societies' assets have grown would be opposed to a mon-from £12,919m to today's figure opoly that would make us into of over £74,000m. The figures second class citizens", said Mr look good but they hide the fact Weir. The Office of Fair that it is becoming increasingly Trading is keeping a close eye difficult for the societies to

finance their lending. In 1971 the ratio of investors ATMs will undoubtedly en- to borrowers was just under hance the societies attractive three to one. It now takes six ness, it might require some savers to finance each borrower fundamental changes if the and there is no sign of the trend

Over the same period house prices have risen by roughly two-and-a-half times and the number of reforms that the number of building society societies would like to see members has risen to 20 million contained in any legislation. But which indicates that a very

There are those both within the industry and outside who question whether is is possible to finance house purchase into the 1980s purely from personal sector savings and it is increasingly likely that societies will be turning to the money markets for a growing proportion of their funds.

The danger is that with the BSA interest rate agreement now virtually defunct, societies will bid up the price of money by competing amongst them-selves rather than finding new sources of funds. Though this would undoubtedly benefit the investor, it would not necessarily produce more funds for house purchase. What we are likely to see is demand for mortgages being choked off by price - a situation which will hit the first-time buyer hardest, The societies will need all the skill and imagination they can muster if they are to continue to meet mortgage demand in the coming years.

Lorna Bourke

COMPETITION

## Streamlining services in the High Street

most heated dehate at next month's annual general meeting of the Building Societies Association is not the far reaching Societies could use his dis-implications of an industrywide cretion to waive this limit. A automated teller machine ner-work; nor is it the difficulties or insurance bank or insurance the societies will undoubtedly demand over the coming year, ing banks and insurance com-What will really set the feathers panies if it were efficiently run.

What alarms the critics — and flying is the proposal to reduce the number of seats on the many of them are within the association's council from 35 to industry - is that the societies 27. a change which will do not have the expertise to run mevitably mean fewer seats for such institutions and that in so

that despite big efforts - and in mothing more than just another ciloris - to drag building societies into the twentieth contary, there is still a long way One building society council member, commenting on the radical proposals for retorm put forward in the Spalding Report, was heard to say that there were still too many people on the BSA council who couldn't run a bicycle shop, let alone the finance houses, banks, property and insurance companies which Spalding Report sought

The BSA document, The and they see and Future Constitution and Powers for investors by Building Societies, high overheads. colloquially known as the The societies Spalding Report, is a masterpiece of diplomacy, looking innocuous enough, sounding moderate and soothing even to those opposed to change, But its implications could revolucial services in the High Street and make building societies the tutions in the country. Steering it through the various stages to eventual legislation is going to need every ounce of skill the societies can summon.

freedom to set up.

Predictably opposition has been most vocal from the professions - solicitors, estate agents and surveyors - least used to competition. The report recommends that societies should be able to act as agents on the sale and purchase of property, to do structural surveys "in-house" for buyers and to carry out conveyancing work for prospective borrowers, insurance companies to the All of this aims to streamline possibility of direct competition

house buying and provided the alternatives of outside independent professional help remain available, it can only be in the compete on similar terms, we oest interest of homebuyers, don't mind", is the common The recommendation that response. Bankers privately societies should be able to lend suspect that the societies would for purposes other than pure make a hash of any attempts to house purchase is sensible. Why move in on their territory and should housebuyers, particu- are content to stand back and larly those buying for the first let them make a mess of it.
time, be unable to borrow legal What must concern dele fees, stamp duty, or funds to at next month's BSA conference cover furnishings and other as they sit listening to the

At the moment they have to go up the road to the banks and pay a higher rate of interest out of already stretched resources. The societies would like to remedy this. - 🗀

But it is the societies' desire to stretch their wings and take off over other territory that is alarming some. The Spelding Report recommends that Report recommends that bright executives within the societies should be first to building society movement, the catablish, acquire or invest in a train to that they are rather thin hank, insurance company, on the ground. Where are the thannon house or property managers who will lead the company either by itself, or societies forward to take adjointly with other societies. jointly with other societies.

The societies suggest that investment in such institutions should be limited to one-third

requirements - but with the important proviso that the Chief Registrar of Friendly company could produce over in meeting mortgage whelming competition to exist

the smaller societies - and they doing, they would lose what aren't going to let them go some see as their image as without a first.

advantages, their image as All of which demonstrates friendly societies, becoming

> At a lunch at the BSA on the day the Spalding Report was published, the question was asked - Why do the societies need new legislation?" No very satisfactory reply was given except that they would quite like to have greater freedom And while much is uside of the and the building societies, the real competition is between the societies themselves. The banks forzy into building society field offering home loans to all comers died a very sapid death and they are anable to compete for investors because of the

. The societies point out that most of their current activities are circumscribed by the requirements of the 1962 Building Societies Act and while their assets in 1960 stood at just over £3,000m, today they control more than £74,000m, with more than 20 million members. Anyone who sat through this year's AGM of Nationwide Building Society listening to five hours of tedious nit-picking by members attempting to exercise their democratic rights would acknowledge that some reforms are necessary.

The societies tacitly acknow ledge that there is little to be done about this situation - a least at present. To limit members rights at a time when they are trying to exercise them for the first time in 20 years would be a bad political move.

Reaction from the banks and possibility of direct competition from the building societies has long as, they are forced to

What must concern delegates debates on what is the right number of seats on the BSA council and who should occupy them, is that the bankers may

The current generation of building society chief executives are all reaching retirement age five stepped down last year and many more are due to go soon. While there are undoubtedly vantage of the brave new world envisaged in the Spalding Halifax Atra Interest



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investors have been saving less noney, but demands for loans are increasing. Reconciling the two sides of the market has caused strains for the building societies and fierce fighting for deposits with the banks.

The result for the investor has been more attractive savings for those who are prepared to shop around. It has also resulted in some new marketing ploys by banks and building societies to attract young savers then hold them as they become rates to manage the level of banks' share had risen from

wage earners and house-owners. sterling. The building societies have been weighed down under the and lending rates the building increased mortgage applications societies operate at a fine as the banks have withdrawn margin between borrowing and from the major expansionary lending rates - around 4 per drive, leaving raised expectations among borrowers. While is overheads. The banks like to the London clearing banks have operate with a margin of 7 per cut back their lending from cent. Thus the building societies £350m a month to £140m from have limited leeway for overlast summer, the building head cost increases. The banks societies stepped up net advanc-find it difficult at times of es from around £700m to £840m over the period. accommodate their overheads, Societies have therefore been which is why their mortgage drawing on their liquid assets. business is not profitable at So they want to attract new funds, and to keep their existing vous of pushing up borrowing savers. If pressure becomes too rates at the moment, because of severe, they will be forced to put up the mortgage rate to enable the savings rate to rise to The Government is not competitive levels - as the worried for National Savings Prime Minister is only too rates as the movement has been

million adults investing in running—with ease. When the building societies, and between authorities want to step on the them they have nearly 34 accelerator, they have the million accounts, Savers, not as advantage of being able to loyal as they used to be, have increase funds not only via interest rates—which are usual. become more interest-rate conscious, although many account tusers are merely seeking a with building society share charge-free, interest-bearing method of separating their various funds and resources. various funds and resources.

The building societies and banks are not the only influence covers National Savings certifi-on interest rates in the money cates, index-linked savings and market, of course, which makes SAYE, appeals especially to the ary expectations can push up problems for the building societies have also been offering a soft-sell rates in the markets where they societies, which always feel the approach of giving away toys have to fight for the billions of draining of capital from a pounds of money or government securities in which they deal.

But building societies have also been offering a soft-sell approach of giving away toys characters familiar to children deal.

#### INVESTMENT

## Need for new funds and savers

When pitching the borrowing present. Both groups are nerthe political impact. The Government is not

reaching its targets - set at
There are estimated to be 20 £3,000m for the second year savings schemes,

Despite the expressed con-cern about liquidity ratios, and No short-ter Government demand for the increasing competition, the money is also an influence on societies have steadily increased interest rates, although less of a their deposits. For the third direct competitor than it used to be because government borrowing requirements have been outstanding was around declining. Because of the sensi
£63,000m out of the personal

tivity of interest rates in an sector total of £135,000m. Four election year the government years ago it was £35,000m out has been avoiding using interest of a total of £74,000m. The £24,000m to £50,000m.

The most evident sign of building society stress about liquidity ratios is the rates they are prepared to offer over the ordinary share account to attract deposits. It is estimated that about 70 per cent of new money going into building societies is going to premium accounts of some sort. While the size of the premiums has shaded back as interest rates have come down from their peaks, these are historically very high. Large as well as small societies are paying over the odds - in usual conditions this

Other services being offered by the building societies to attract depositors are legion spreading to a determined incursion into traditional retail banking with the offer of a cheque book. This has some way to go before matching the banks' services, and is why the societies are so interested in participating in a national cheque clearing system.

is confined mainly to the small

The efforts extend to trying to inculcate the building society habit in the young. To children, they can offer a service where banks do not. The appeal of a pass-book, enabling a child to deposit or withdraw cash instantly is enormous. A current account cannot be held by a child until the age of 16.

No short-term solution seems likely to resolve the growing morigage shortage, so savers can expect to be courted ever more assiduously.

Sally White

#### Current interest rates for investments (per cant)

| Building Societies                            | Non<br>Tax | Basic<br>rate | Tax et<br>40% | Tax et<br>60% | Tax at 75% |
|---|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Ordinary Share Accounts *Building Societies   | 8.8        | 6.26          | 5.3           | 3.5           | 2.2        |
| Term Shares & Regular<br>Savings Schemes      | 10.3       | 7.25          | 6.1           | 4.1           | 2.5        |
| National Savings Bank<br>Investment Account   | 10.5       | 7.3           | 6.3           | 4.2           | 2.6        |
| Bank 7-day Deposits                           | 7.5        | 5.2           | 4.5           | 3.0           | 1.8        |
| Money Funds                                   | 10.5       | 7.3           | 6.3           | 4.2           | 2.6        |
| When arrest as when you between \$ 5 are cost | d Managara |               |               |               |            |

#### Buying a home is usually the

### largest single investment any-one makes in a lifetime, but in than when shopping around for a car or even a pair of shoes.

Over the last decade there has been a rush into home-ownership as people have been afraid of losing out during the great price surges of the 1970s. More recently single people, of both sexes, have represented the major force in the house buying market as greater affluence and a shortage of suitable rente accommodation has convince them of the merits of owning their own house or flat.

Certainly the whole proce has become less daunting an the money more freely availab than probably at any other time But just because the process h been made easier there is a reason to throw away cautic when house hunting and sho ping around for a mortgage,

For the first-time buye making the initial hesitar steps on the home ownershi ladder can be the most excitin depressing frustrating and a xious experience encountere And for the second and this time buyers the whole exerciis filled with danger and disast at every turn.

years since the banks made the first appearance in the general of reasons, not least that they had more money than they knew what to do with, the banks became extremely willing to lend money for house buying.

If the banks did nothing else £45,000 they simplified the whole process of obtaining a mortgage. All you had to do was pick up a telephone, chat to the morteage manager, fill in a form and hey presto you were mortgage subject usually only to a valuation.

grovelling and pleading with a is prepared to lend you. The building society manager who rough rule of thumb guide is seemed to shake his head more still between 214 and 214 times often than he nodded. And very your annual gross salary and if quickly the banks had grabbed a you are buying with a friend or 30 per cent slice of all new

ing seems to have evaporated somewhat and most of them they will lend. In these less impose restrictions of one kind generous days the maximum or another. Today a buyer is appears to have slipped from 95 back on the streets trudging per cent or even 100 per cent in between his bank and building some cases, to about 85 per cent society to see who will give him to 90 per cent.

been lending record amounts, cautious about what types of the present boom in the market has imposed restrictions which may well lead to a mortgage famine. Certainly reports from some estate agents indicate that queues are starting to form in some parts of the country, and brokers, solicitors and surance companies are coming back into their own.

#### HOUSE BUYING

## The ups and downs of the market-place

Costs of buying a house

- lowest, average and highest costs quoted for secondriand house, fully owner occupied, with registered treshold till

| ted<br>ced<br>ing | BOTING            | Solicitor's            | Stamp                        | Building<br>Society                     | Structural .               |                                  | Total as %                        |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 253               | Purchase<br>price | Fee<br>(£)<br>172      |                              | valuation fee<br>(E)                    | SURVEY<br>(E)<br>80        | Total<br>(£)<br>287.65           | of purchase<br>. price<br>1.9     |
| nd<br>ble         | £15,000           | 240<br>345             | NIL .                        | 35.65                                   | 126<br>195<br>82           | 401.65<br>575.65                 | 2.7<br>3.8<br>1.7                 |
| ne.<br>has<br>no  | £20,000           | 218<br>281<br>370      | NIL                          | 41.40                                   | 137<br>195                 | 941.40<br>459.40<br>606.40       | 23<br>30                          |
| ion<br>op-        | £35,000           | 287<br>414<br>505      | 350(1%)                      | 56.35                                   | 110<br>165<br>230          | 803.35<br>986.35<br>1,141.35     | 2.3<br>2.8<br>3.3                 |
| er,<br>ant        | £45,000           | 345<br>492<br>845      | 900(2%)                      | 62,10                                   | 120<br>189<br>265          | 1,427.10<br>1,643.10<br>1,872.10 | 3.2<br>3.7<br>4.2                 |
| hip<br>ng,<br>an- | £60,000           | 460<br>603<br>/ 850    | 1,200(2%)                    | 70.15                                   | 140<br>231<br>470          | 1,870.15<br>2,104.15<br>2,590.15 | 3.1<br>3.5<br>4.3                 |
| an-<br>ed.<br>ird | SELLING           |                        | ,                            | *************************************** | <del></del>                |                                  |                                   |
| ise<br>ter        | Selling<br>Price  | Solicitor's<br>Fee (E) | Estate<br>agent's<br>tee (E) | C081                                    | noval<br>is (20<br>is) (£) | Total (E)                        | Total as %<br>of selling<br>price |
| ree               | £15,000           | 144<br>192             | 224<br>311                   | (                                       | 69<br>99                   | 437<br>602                       | 2.9<br>4.0                        |

260,000

For the first-time buyer the valuation. initial step is to establish how Gone were the days of much a building society or bank spouse then a year's income of mortgage business.

Unfortunately the banks' taken into account too. You enthusiasm for mortgage lend-must also establish what percentage of the valuation price

a mortgage.

Building societies still tend to
While building societies have be very conservative and are property they will lead on. While they recognize that one bedroom flats and houses make useful starter homes for young single people they prefer two bedrooms because it will be easier to resell later.

house hunting starts. To make life easier try to decide roughly where you want to live. If it is outside the area you know well then spend some time exploring in order to get a feel for the place, fixing in your own mind which streets or roads are better

than others.

No matter how specific you are an agent will simply hand you a list of properties which more or less covers your price range. Never be afraid to look at properties which may at first appear more expensive than you can afford – prices are usually negotiable and you may be able to talk the bank or

building society manager into

lending more money.

If you are buying a flat then be careful of the not-so-hidden extras like service charges and rates as well as utilities. In central London service charges can range from between £15 to £80 a week depending on the

Once it is established how Viewing properties for the the room? Do the walls look our much you can spend, the first time gives most people a of line and is the pointing gruelling and often depressing, distorted perspective of the crumbling away outside? Are

house or flat, Obviously with some you walk in through the front door and you want to buy it but that shouldn't prevent you from keeping your eyes open for obvious defects which will cost money to rectify.

It is advisable to employ a surveyor to examine any house or flat you intend to buy. Less than one in 10 buyers do so and it can cost them dear. Surveyors charges relate to the purchase price but an average house or flat will cost you about £150 in

preliminary work you can do Do the floorboards move under the carpet when you walk across

cloud looming on the horizon.

According to the ISVA, expec-tations of a major upsurge in prices seem doomed to disap-

delays and difficulties in obtain-

ing mortgages are now appear-

others are accumulating grow-

it is valuers' expectations of an intensifying mortgage "squeeze" which leads them to predict price rises generally in line with inflations.

Across the country, though, large differences in price rises

are reported by estate agents. Industrial centres, hard pressed

by the current recession, in the North-west, the North-east and the heart of the Midlands are

tending to witness less than

from the Society.

The situation is not yet

there slates or tiles missing from the roof?

To save yourself some money it is always worth discovering which surveyor the building society or bank is using for its valuation and ask him to undertake a full structural experience or your behalf survey on your behalf.

A word of warning 2 valuation is only that. The surveyor is basically checking that the property on which you have applied for a mortgage exists and is of the size you stated on your application form, He only assesses its value at the time he visits the premises. It is not a survey and it is always advisable to instruct him to survey the property fully.

Once you have decided on the property to buy then the frustration and the expenses begin. Generally a solicitor will be needed to undertake the legal aspect of your purchase. Conveyancing charges are about 1 per cent of purchase price. This will vary a little and it is always worth contacting three or four solicitors and ask them for

Your other major expense will be stamp duty if the property is above £25,000. This government tax is levied in bands: £25,001 to £30,000 will be 0.5 per cent of the entire price, £30,001 to £35,000 at 1 per cent, £35,001 to £40,000 at 1.5 per cent, £40,001 and above 2 per cent.

For anyone moving from a £45,000 home to a £60,000 one all these expenses add up to a considerable sum. According to stanistics released by the Woolwich Building Society recently it would cost a family as much as £4,000 to make such a move although savings of up to 40 per cent could be made by not using an estate agent to sell your existing home and employing the services of a conveyance firm to undertake the legal

Some vendors may feel that in a rising market as at present an auction is the only way to get the best market price for their home. If you decide on this course of action then be prepared for extra expenses such as brochures, leaflets and general advertising to ensure a good attendance at the auction. All types of property go under the auctioneer's hammer these days and prices can start as low as £25,000 depending on age, There is a certain amount of condition and location.

From a purchasers point of yourself. Is there a shortage of view buying at auction can be a electric points in each room? If trickler affair. You must have so it may indicate that the done your homework - such as property has been rewired on surveys and arranging the the cheap and may need further finance - before you go into the work. Is there a smell of auction room and never be dampness from cupboards tempted to go over your limit. under the stairs or the cellar? Remember when the gavel descends you are contracted to

> **Baron Phillips** Property Correspondent

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# Nationwide in action: Handcross



Nationwide is actively supporting some self-build groups, as well as urban renewal programmes in many city centres where housing improvements are urgently needed.

Above we show a site at Handcross, Sussex, where the Society is assisting a group with the necessary skills to build their own homes.

First-time buyers also need help and nearly half Nationwide's lending goes to such applicants, many of whom are on lower than average earnings.

Nationwide is also active in providing valuable up-to-date information about the housing market in its regular quarterly bulletin "House Prices."

# to decide Nationwide



#### Moving again, but how far? House prices are on the move again. After almost two years in the doldrams there are clear average increases. But even in some parts of the Midlands

signs of a more buoyant market in many parts of the country.
But the question is - how far
will house prices rise this year?

The straight answer is that no One really knows.

At the beginning of the year, when signs of a revival became apparent, many with experience the property market were

predicting an overall rise of 10 per cent; but already this view is being reconsidered, 85 certain sectors of the market show healthier than expected price gains. This is particularly true of houses and flats which appeal to first-time buyers. A recent survey from the Nationwide Building Society showed that in the first three

months of the year prices rose by 2 per cent compared with 21/2 per cent in the previous quarter. made at a time of the year when the house market is tradition-

Normally the big rush into house buying comes in spring. This year is unlikely to be any different, except that the band wagon has already started rolling, but we may see more activity in the middle - £40,000

to £30,000 - price range.

According to the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, now is the time to buy or sell a home. The society confirms that buyer interest is at its highest level for two years and it advises anyone contem-plating a sale to act now.

But selling in a rising market s always difficult. Would it be better to wait to see if a definite trend emerges, or to sell while the going is good? Again, there

The increase in prices, says the ISVA, is matched in some areas by such a strong demand for property, at all levels, that the antisocial practice of "gazumping" has reappeared. For those fortunate enough not to have encountered it, it is the way in which vendors hold out for the highest price against competing buyers – a frustrat-ing. time-consuming and

ing, time-consuming and money-wasting exercise. Little can be done to prevent gazumping. Estate agents argue that they are employed to get the best price for the seller, though most despise the prac-

tremendous regional variations

Estate agents have been
both in the amount of any reporting huge backlogs of
increase and in the speed of unsold property during the past sales. It should also be borne in mind that prices hardly moved during the past two years, and home owners should not get as sales start to increase.



**PRICES** 

carried away by the prospect of property values leaping ahead at A number of factors has

lead to this recent upward drift in prices. In the second half of 1982 interest rates tumbled from a record level of 15 per cent to around 10 per cent, inflation fell to about 5 per cent and the banks and building societies were injecting more money into the market than

But perhaps the most important ingredient of all was confidence. Buyers were more confident of keeping their jobs as unemployment levels stab-lised at around 3,250,000; they were more confident of not slipping further behind in their standard of living as inflation fell; and they felt more confident that lower interest rates were here to stay, for a while at

At the same time government housing policies were beginning to bite. Sales of council houses exceeded 500,000, less public sector housing was built and council rents rose: all had the desired effect: to push more and more people into home owner-

Also, private housebuilders began to drag themselves off the 1980 low point, when work started on only 96,000 homes, to the point where that figure looks like doubling this year. Even in these lean past few years sales were stimulated by the marketing activities of builders like Sir Lawrie Barratt, who offered a whole host of incentives to tempt buyers into a new

The greatest demand has been for first-time buyers' property and many of the large builders have switched as much as three-quarters of their production into small flats and houses. While this has mopped Against this background of up much of that demand, there rising prices it should be has been little activity among remembered that there are second and third time buyers.

unsold property during the past two years. Only now are they beginning to see shortage of certain types of houses and flats.

some prices have risen by as much as 8 per cent over the past few months. While the South-cest has

generally been regarded as a pace-setter for bouse prices, many agents are saying that rises are only just above the national average.

The ISVA survey indicates that the western region has witnessed the strongest recovery, as the cost of buying a home has advanced by more than 12 per cent since last June. appears to have regained a But it must be remembered ealthy glow, agents see a dark

that many of these price rises are from a low base, because in autumn 1981 there was a general decline and even now costs have only just managed to regain their position of two years ago. Just because everyone is saying that there have been widespread increases, you cannot, in every case, simply acute, but valuers report that add on 10 per cent to the price some building societies are you paid for your home two operating quota systems, and years ago.

Although last month's Budge must be regarded as a help to ing lists in many areas. Applications requiring high pro-portionate mortgages, especially those needing 95 per cent or more, are meeting growing nome-buyers, the marginal increase in the mortgage tax threshold is not going to set the residential market alight. Most problems," says a recent report people in the property industry believe the Chancellor's move Clearly, if the situation will have little or no impact on becomes worse, then any growth in prices will be significantly slowed Essentially,

If confidence can be restored to the economy and real inroads made into unemployment levels, and if fears of a mortgage famine are unfounded, then we may well see a general uplift in house prices. But with the prospects of a general election looming - and with all the uncertainty that entails - we cannot really expect a major improvement in prices for some

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per cent of the money for house

purchase, the societies now find

that the banks, too, are taking a more prudent line. Rationing by

one stage the banks were taking at least a third of new mortgage

The building societies had created the vacuum that the

banks were able to fill. Because

of the desire to maintain their

liquidity ratios, the societies

were rationing money, and a shortage probably persisted for most of the 1970s, following the house price surge of 1972-73.

Other institutions were slow

For example, in the

to fill the gap, lagging behind those in other western coun-

United States banks supply 17

per cent of house mortgages, and in France the latest figure is

One consequence of the increased availability of funds

repayment loan to the insurance- cent. linked endowment method

building societies as they ations. struggle desperately to meet the "The home loans. And if you are lending manager at the Halifax. David Blake. "Demand shows the offer of converting to the insurance-linked method might be the very acc which will allocation and are already."

"The situation is not looking branches. I he money is just very good", says Mr Parkinson, not coming in," reports Mr David Blake. "Demand shows no sign of slackening and people are having to wait six to ten work for a loan." be the very ace which will allocation and are already clinch the deal and get you a starting on May's".

loan where others seeking a Chains of homebu

Even building society managers are human and the commission carned on selling

matically the situation has already out to the limit," says changed from last summer Mr Fry, "Demand is showing when virtually anyone could no sign of slacking and I think walks into a building society of the higger societies if normal lending criteria were

met - obtain a loan.

Nobody really thought the Indian summer would last and when interest rates began to fall in the autumn, the banks decided that they had done enough mortgage business and pulled out, leaving the societies to cope with the inevitable

lending £90m to £100m of the become very enthusiastic". High Street banks current Nationwide is not cutting back monthly total of £140m. Naton its percentage advance but lending £90m to £100m of the West has now decided that there is no point in giving about eight weeks for a loan. money away when borrowers

should refrain from making the situation is beginning to look weren't bothering as they were switch if they are likely to grim and mutterings of the need able to obtain a loan direct from for an increase in rates to bring a society. Queues of up to 12 weeks are in more money are beginning to

you an insurance policy could be the deciding factor in giving you a loan as opposed to the next borrower.

The table shows how dramatically the situation has only, says Mr John Fry of those branches where sumus are not being readily taken up to branches where demand is potential borrowers a definite date for their loan any time up to 12 weeks ahead. "We are Leeds Permanent. "But there is no sign of demand dropping

client homebuyers to plough back into their new home any profits made on the sale of their

Over at Nationwide, Mr Gordon Bentley reports queues the recommended rate forming rapidly. "We are cent for their money. forming rapidly. "We are getting demand from all sources real presence in the market, and housing associations have borrowers are having to wait

It always pays to keep an ace are perfectly prepared to pay "priority" category are going to up your sleeve in any bargain—more, and introduced, from, their local authority to obtain wavering on the brink of on endowment linked loans—authority support scheme which switching from a straight of the control of the profession of the brink of the control of the profession of the brink of the control of the profession of the brink of the control of the profession of the brink of the profession of switching from a straight up from 10 per cent to 11 per gives them preference in a At the building societies the queue. Last summer they

Woolwich Building Society reported by all the major overwhelm all other consider has had to limit lending to "The situation is not looking branches. "The money is just

Of the big five societies. loan where others seeking a Chains of homebuyers await- society not quite so sorely ing mortgages are developing pressed. "I would say we are and spring has seen the first taking six to eight weeks at Leeds Permanent is the only report of gazumping.

"We are lending to members move money around a bit from only," says Mr John Fry of those branches where funds are

walk into a building society we are in for a difficult at one of the bigger societies if branch and - provided the summer." Abbey National is asking been saving only recently are virtually non-existent. Most expect borrowers to have saved for at least six months, Smaller societies are generally more flexible but will charge above the recommended rate of 10 per

With home loans - not only from ordinary expect to see the resurrection of members but housebuilders are that almost extinct breed, the expect to see the resurrection of Only NatWest retains any suddenly feeling more confident mortgage broker. But whatever you do, don't switch to an endowment loan now, if you are likely to want a new mortgage in the next few months. You could

#### HOME LOANS BATTLE

## Banks withdraw from the fray





Marriage of convenience: a link between the Co-op Bank and Abbey National

#### HOME LOANS 1981 – 1983

| percentage is again the norm.  |                                      |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| The high level of interest rates has dulled the institutions'  | HUME LUA                             | HOME LOANS 1981 - 1983   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| keenness for the fray. And the   | Mortgage advances, n                 | et of repayment 2brc Percent   | ages: after number, market sha  | ere: below number, increase                                       | is in outstandings  |  |  |  |  |  |
| decline in the savings ratio<br>means that the focus is now on<br>sources of funds. But the two  |                                      | Monetary <sup>1</sup><br>Sector                                      | Bullding<br>Societies   | Others <sup>2</sup>   | Total   |  |  |  |  |  |
| years or so of fierce competition have left permanent changes in   | end-1980                             | 3.0 (6%)   | 42.7 (82%)  | 6.6 (12%)   | ··· 52.3 (100%)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| the attitudes of banking and<br>building societies, as well as<br>with the consumer. Last year<br>mortgages accounted for 26 per<br>cent of bank lending.<br>The increase in market share<br>it was 6 per cent in 1980 — | Increase in:<br>1981<br>1982<br>1983 | +2.7 (27%)<br>(+90%)<br>+4.3 (33%)<br>(+75%)<br>+3.0 (21%)<br>(+30%) | +5.3 (84%)<br>(+15%)<br>+7.5 (58%)<br>(+15%)<br>+10.0 (70%)<br>(+18%) | +0.8 (9%)<br>(+12%)<br>+1.2 (9%)<br>(+16%)<br>+1.3 (9%)<br>(+15%) | +9.8 (100%)<br>(+19%)<br>+13.0 (100%)<br>(+21%)<br>+14.3 (100%)<br>(+19%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| hides the speed of growth. At<br>one stage the banks were taking   | Outstanding                          | 13.0 (15%)   | 66.5 (74%)  | 9.9 (11%)   | 89.4 (100%)   |  |  |  |  |  |

is not thought likely to create a revival in housebuilding on the scale seen in the thirties, also a housing finance market. At that time it was building society practice that changed because of the increased volume of saving and low interest rates.

In its review, "Mortgage lending and the housing market", last September the Bank of England Bulletin stated: "Several of the features of the thirties are lacking today. Interest rates have fallen in nominal terms, but remain high has been a rise in individuals' in real terms by standards of the income gearing of about 50 per seventies. Real incomes are not cent between 1978 and 1981, rising strongly, and building Hence, the political sensitivity land is in rather inelastic about mortgage rates, even if supply. The housing stock is the amount of change in high in comparison to the monthly payments on rises in population aged over nineteen But the extra money around pressure on house prices, and

demand for higher mortgage sums could result.

This year the banks' share of ing to offer new products even new mortgage business is though the battle over mort-expected to fall back to around gages has ebbed. The banks are 20 per cent. The banks were probably surprised by the speed. at which they reached their targets, yet there is no danger of their leaving the market.

"Building societies are in a better position to attract deposits at a time of low interest on the advances side. The banks will nevertheless have more than quadrupled their outstanding mortgage advances in only three years, and clearly intend to remain a major force in the

Christopher Johnson, Lloyds

under constant scrutiny and which can introduce the threat of taxation. At the same time. world recession and the international debt problems of developing countries are creating financial pressures. The banks are seeking both to offer services for which they can charge fees, and to attract

Housing continues to be a centre of profit as it is the major source of capital outlay for the individual. The banks are exploring the idea of providing Bank's economist. But he one-stop-shopping - from house believes that the banks' share selection through to finance for will fluctuate with changing purchase of the building and for

taking advantage of their greater

flexibility on lending.

Midland has bought a 35 per cent stake in an estate agency that operates in the North and the Midlands. National Westminster has become involved with the Team Association. which markets for a chain of independent estate agents. Lloyds Bank was the first into this area, setting up Black Horse

Agencies last May. In their search for new products, the building societies and the banks are even trying tentative liaisons in the market place - a reflection of the radical thinking going on in

both groups.

Last month Nottingham

Building Society and the Bank of Scotland, in conjuction with British Telecom, announced a computerized home banking and shopping service. Homelink customers will be able to check their building society and bank accounts on a terminal screen, and transfer funds, pay bills and order goods with a range of suppliers as well as book holidays and order travel-

Abbey National has a link with the Co-op Bank, which will provide a clearing service for the Abbey's Cheque-Save Abbey's central clearing system has greatly inhibited the building societies' entry into the cheque

Bank and the Midland Nationwide. Westminster and the National Provincial Building Society have joined forces to issu Access credit cards to the building society's customers.

It remains to be seen how far avenues towards expansion into banking

As to the banks, they may not be as large in the mortgage business as they seem - not all the money raised this way from bank mortgages went on hous-ing - but they are undoubtedly here to stay. It should not be forgotten that this is not entirely

Sally White

#### **MORTGAGE AVAILABILITY**

First-time buyers in the

| Society                   | Mortg<br>Repayment | age Rate<br>Endowment | Starting<br>Point for<br>Higher<br>Rates | Waiting<br>Time | *Maximum<br>%<br>Advance               | Membership       | Advance<br>as multi<br>of salar                                   |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------|--|------------------|---|
| Halifax                   | 10%                | 10.25%                | -  | 4 - 6<br>weeks  | 80%                                    | 6 - 12<br>months | 3 times<br>inrger +<br>1 times<br>smaller<br>21 <sub>b</sub> time |
| Ab <b>bey</b><br>National | 10%                | 10.25%                | £25,000                                  | 12 weeks        | 70% (more<br>for first<br>time buyers) | 6 months         | larger +<br>1 times<br>smaller<br>21/2 to 23<br>times             |
| Nationwide                | 10%                | 10.25%                | -  | 8 weeks         | normal<br>terms                        | 6 - 12<br>months | larger +<br>1 times<br>smaller<br>21/2 times                      |
| eeds<br>Permanent         | 10%                | 10.25%                | -  | 6 - 8<br>weeks  | up to 95%                              | 6 months         | larger +<br>1 times<br>smaller<br>21/2 to 23/2<br>times           |
| Voolwich                  | 10%                | 10.25%                |  | 6 - 10<br>weeks | up to 90%                              | 6 - 12<br>months | larger +<br>1 times<br>smaller                                    |

\*all societies say that the maximum percentage advance will vary according to the borrower and the property. In all cases the situation at individual branches will vary.

#### **SOCIETIES**

#### **Breaking** down the traditional role

Building societies should be the most democratic of our finan-cial institutions. They describe savers as members and invite them to attend annual general meetings. In theory members can vote in, or out, any main board director of a society and, in theory, get themselves

But according to Mr Richard Weir, secretary general of the Building Societies Association: "The mechanism for ordinary already there - the sad thing is that the vast majority of members don't seem interested in exercising their rights. There is a certain amount of apathy on the part of members."

What Mr Weir says is correct but it will cut little ice with that old campaigner Mr Paul Twyman, the civil servant economist, who has been the scourge of the Anglia Building Society since 1978. Mr Twyman campaigned against the Anglia's merger with the Hastings and Thanet Building Society, but since its takeover of the London and South England he has been invited onto the enlarged Anglia board.

Despite what the societies may say it is rare for a commoner to battle his way onto the board of a leading financial, institution. Most people are too afraid to take on the might of an established board which is often stuffed to the gills with many well known names from the world of industry and business.

Another member who prepared to fight it out with his

Mr. Twyman and Mr Punt have done their best to shatter building society movement



members to get elected to the Mr Richard Weir: "The sad thing is that the vast majority of board of a building society is members don't seem interested in exercising their rights."

which, until the last five years staff increased by 50 per cent to or so, had virtually gone its own 55,773 in 1981.

Way for the past 200 years. The movement became a

It is, perhaps, only since the major force within financial first real house price boom of institutions but somehow building societies were regarded as began to question the role of being much closer to the public

Suddenly there was a scramble to buy property - any type of property. And during the mid 1970s the societies showed their true colours: they were only in the business of lending money for the purchase of "respectable" homes in gations of the so-called red-lin-ing made national news and word spread among young buyers that such and such a

biggest expansion it had ever known. Since 1976 the number the cosy existence of the of branches almost doubled to around 6,500 and its full-time

beight to question the role of building societies and their attitudes to lending.

A combination of soaring inflation and government legislation pushed more and more young people into the home.

young people into the homeowning market. Gone were the
days when a young couple
would save for years to buy a
new house when they married.
Today's young wanted a home
now - and they were not
prepared to wait for it.

Studdenty the market trusion by the banks into their
traditional home loans business
the societies remain extremely
resilient and resistant to change.
Despite the reforms of the
building societies constitution
called for in the Spalding
committee report which would allow the movement greater flexibility and a wider brief, they are at heart conservative.

Flamboyant gimmicks like cheque books and credit serve only as a smokescreen and were lending money for the purchase born out of competition with of "respectable" homes in the banks. Building societies are respectable locations. Alle- in business to lend money for house-buying which is financed by attracting investors to save

society is the Barnstaple solicitor Mr Christopher Punt. He is doing battle with the Nation-wide as part of his attempt to get onto the institution's board.

Duyers mat such and such a lin the past five years building society would not lend on societies have undergone greater conversions and another would er changes than probably in the past 100 years and it seems likely a radical departure from ment itself was witnessing the its traditional happen during the remainder of

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INVESTMENTS The Society continued to invest heavily in fixed interest stocks in the early months of last year but after their strong rise we directed funds into equity markets, particularly overseas.

We invested a total of £146M during 1982 of which £30M was invested in fixed interest securities, £5M in index-linked securities, £34M in UK ordinary shares, £67M overseas and £10M in property.

The success of our long-term investment policy has recently been pinpointed in independent performance surveys, notably for unit-linked contracts and Managed Pension Funds.

FUNDS The ordinary long-term insurance funds, including unit-linked business and Managed Pension Fund business, now exceed £2,291M. The funds first exceeded £1,000M in 1978 and have thus more than doubled in only four years.

The total assets of the Group exceed £3,000M.

NEW PRODUCTS Throughout 1982 the design and planning of new products continued. Two new ordinary business contracts were introduced, the Balanced Investment Plan which is a single premium investment providing a balance between income and capital appreciation over a ten year period and the Privilege Extension Plan which allows policyholders to invest part of the proceeds of maturing policies in the Society's unit-linked investment funds on favourable terms and without loss of tax advantages.

We also revised our oldest unit-linked contract, the Investor Policy, introduced in 1966 and linked to the top performing Investor Policy Fund.

COMMISSION The Society stands firmly by the principle of control of the level of commission payments, preferably by industry-

Following the abandonment of the Commissions Agreement at the end of 1982 we have participated with several other leading offices in a new informal agreement. The main change to the pre-existing scale has been the introduction of differential commissions to registered insurance brokers and to full-time intermediaries thus recognising the greater expertise and commitment to the life market of these intermediaries and the higher costs incurred by brokers as a result of registration, a development which we feel should be encouraged.

SURRENDER VALUES The fall in interest rates has enabled the Society to improve its surrender values, in some cases by as much as 14%, thus illustrating our continuing intention to deal equitably with all our policyholders, including those who, for one reason or another, terminate their contracts prematurely.

SERVICE We are constantly aware of the need for speedy and accurate administration of all our business and the provision of adequate technical support for our agents.

New versatile Displaywriters have been installed at the Branches and a powerful additional computer has been installed at Head Office, the first of its kind to be installed anywhere in Scotland. Our continual aim is to optimise the service we provide while minimising our expenses,

The Society, along with other members of the Associated Scottish Life Offices, has become a member of the Insurance Ombudsman Bureau. This development will, we hope, give our policyholders even greater confidence of achieving satisfaction in the handling of complaints.

FUTURE OUTLOOK Although new business may be affected by the commissions problem we intend to maintain our position among the first rank of life assurance companies. We expect to continue our expansion, particularly in the unit-linked field, while for pensions business the emphasis will continue to be on service and investment expertise for Managed Funds and Group Schemes and on the competitiveness of our executive and self-employed pension plans. We have shown over the last few years that progress can be made even in difficult times given a skilled marketing team backed up by good product design and efficient service, and we are confident that this will continue to be the case.



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# STC's freedom from US starts expansion drive

Thousands of new jobs could be created if businessmen were alive to the opportunities which will arise from new technology, according to Sir Kenneth Corfield, chairman of Standard Telephones and Cables, the

electricals group.

He is convinced that Britain is on the verge of a potentially is on the verge of a potentially enormous turnround if companies take advantage of the opportunities which will arise from developing and managing new technology. "The tragedy is that many businessmen do not know where to look to create the new jobs." Sir Kenneth says. Freed from the shackles of its former American parent company, International Telephone and Telegraph, (ITT), which

and Telegraph, (11T), which effectively relinquished control of STC after a share sale last autumn, Sir Kenneth is deter-mined to make sure that STC does make the most of these opportunities. He sees his role as that of an "ideas man" and "motivator" who can spot those opportunities which can be best exploited by the STC group.

His first task was to embark on a huge restructuring of the STC group, by decentralizing its operations into six main divsions. He puts the final touches to the reorganization pro-gramme in September when the sixth division, STC Technology, is formally established. The new division will embrace ST Laboratories, and the group's new product development and factory automation systems

The other key groupings will centre around telecommunications, including defence, international communications; component distribution; business systems and International Acradio, which was bought from British Airways for £60m

last month.

Traditionally, STC has concentrated on developing and selling ITT technology in Britain while building up strong telecommunications and cable systems businesses of its own. However, in its centenary year STC is no longer faced with the constraints of being owned by a US parent. Now the aim is to expand rapidly as an inter-national high technology com-

pany.

The furious pace of change envisaged by Sir Kenneth makes recent bullish profits forecasts by brokers look posi-



Corfield: man of ideas, spotter of opportunities

looking for pretax profits this businesses year of about £90m against last world.

Year's £64.3m and £120m next The pro

the rate of 30 per cent a year.
One contract for radiation proof optical fibres which could go to STC if a pilot study is successfully completed could be worth £300m to dwarf last year's £60m of defence sales

across the group.

STC has also been quietly building its optical fibre manufacturing capacity so it is ready to take advantage of the anticipated boom in demand as Britain is recabled for the information technology revolution. BICC talks about its new optical fibre facilities but it hasn't built them yet", Sir

Kenneth says.

STC already has 25;000km of capacity and is building towards capacity of 50,000km a year even though demand is at present languishing in the region of 5,000km a year. Sir Kenneth's lateral thinking

also means that STC is now a front runner in another industry of the future, the manufacture of solid state laser systems. "We are as advanced as anybody in Europe in this field," he says.

The rapid growth generated internally will be complemented by a continuing programme of acquisition of high technology businesses which fit STC's ambitions. At present the group is poorly represented overseas where its interests were pre-viously handled by IIT. STC was also obliged to refrain from tively bearish. Analysts are competing directly with ITT

The process of acquisition year's £64.3m and £120m next year.

From what Sir Kenneth says the sky is almost the limit STC's turnover from defence businesses alone is growing at the rate of 30 per cent a year.

The process of acquistion began when STC announced the purchase of International Aeradio, the British Airways, high technology and communications subsidiary, for £60m last month. In Sir Kenneth's book IAL represented an almost identikit STC purchase. The company has a strong high technology base, employs 4,500 highly skilled people and has a

strong overseas presence.
Future acquisitions will be in the same mould - either strong in high technology or overseas representation and with a minimum turnover of £10m. "We are extremely unlikely to move into biotechnology in a big way but we will be in advanced electronics technology and software tech-nology, he says. But Sir Kenneth does not

want to be seen as a stock market predator. "We want to be wanted" be explains. For this reason it is unlikely that STC will use its cash reserves which are replenished day by day from a crop of cash-generating businesses to launch an unwanted bid for a rival elec-

tronics company. However, there will be opportunities for acquisition if opportunities for acquisition if The only tie with ITT these Sir Kenneth's theory about a days stems from a 20 year secondary wave of collapses in British industry is proved British industry is proved in new ITT technology and the correct. He speaks with convicinfluence of three ITT nomition - and as a director of Midland Bank - when he warns that a second wave of companies will collapse once the recession ends, not because of poor housekeeping, but because there is no demand for their products. Many of these com-

panies will have high tech-nology divisions which could be of interest to STC, he suggests

All this means that the STC that Sir Kenneth hands over when he retires as chairman in five years will be vastly different from the organization he inherited when he joined the company from ITT in the early

He has already begun the search for a successor as chief executive of the company and plans to relinquish those respo sibilines in two years time if he can find the right person.

The priority when Sir Kenneth joined the company was to eliminate heavy losses particularly in its defence business. His draconian solution was to pull out of defence completely where STC was constantly over running on costs and had weaker contacts at the Ministry of Defence than its rivals, partly because of STC's American

parentage.

And despite the fact that STC had been in Britain since 1883 Sir Kenneth was to be dogged time and time again by the stigma of ITTs ownership when tendering for government contracts. The most recent example came when STC's rivals launched what he described as an "overt and convert" campaign against STC over the allocation of work for the System X advanced electronic telephone exchange. In the autumn of last year British Telecom decided to concentrate production of the exchange with GEC and Plessey.

Critics billed the decision as a blow to STC's fortunes, but Sir the decision could be a blessing in disguise. Orders won from British Telecom for traditional TXE4A exchanges as compensation for the loss of the System X contract could be worth nearly £1,000m by the end of the decade if there are any further delays in introducing System X.

agreement to share and invest nated directors on the 15-man STC board.

It is this new-found freedom and the more flexible structure for the group which will provide the basis for future expansion.

**Andrew Cornelius** 

### Economic notebook

## 'Protection' that spells disaster

today about free trade than lmost any other subject. Basically, we are all in favour of it, but we are all undermin-

Take the news that American unions and congressmen are ganging up to prevent British Steel exporting slab steel from Ravenscraig to be finished in the United States. They want swingeing new

tarills. You can see their point. BSC's Mr Ian MacGregor han apparently found a way round last year's US/EEC steel quota agreements. But these were hashed up after the US threatened to impose prohibitive taxes on imports from European state enterprises on the somewhat idealogical ground that any losses met by

the state were subsidies. It is right to comdemn these American pressures, part of a general protectionist drive. But at least there is little compelling economic reason why there should be a regular trade exporting European crude

steel across the Atlantic.

Back at home, the Severn-Trent Water Authority is planning to drain 6,00 acres of water meadows in Leicestershire at a cost of £66.4m of public money. If successful, it could raise wheat output by 5,000 tonnes a year. At the same time, President Resour is paying American human large sums to keep good wheat land fallow to ease the American grain surplus. Yet, according to a recent Con wealth Secretariat study, the EEC producers price of wheat has been averaging almost twice the American level. If it were not for hefty protection through the Common Agricultural Policy, we should be growing less wheat, not more. And our landscape and finances would probably be better for

Parliamentary critic Mr Richard Body rightly points out that EEC farm policies, not least on milk and butter, lead to some of the worst and most endemic instances of drouping in the world. It is the same story with

sugar. We have dramatically expanded a barely economic beet industry at the expense of poer tropical countries so that we can, with rare exceptions, pay more for sugar than we Regimes to steady agricultural prices and output are one thing. Outrageous

strategic desire for self-sufficiency, which bardly sounds convincing for countries eager Russian gas supplies.

The economics of Japanese agriculture and protection are even more bizarre than ours. Naturally, leading Japanese industrialists are only too happy to sacrifice local erange-growers to deflect threats from the US to their own export trade.

That might help the sup-posed imbalances in US/Japanese trade, but offers little possibilities for Europe. In-deed the idea that bilateral trade should be in balance is absurd in a complex world free trade system. Yet this is now the peg on which Europe protection against hangs

Javan. So-called voluntary agreements, whereby free enterprise countries use state deals or industry cartels to by-pass the market, already cover a long list of goods as well as cars. In the car trade itself, their main effect in Britain is to raise prices cut consumption and divert the import trade to other EEC countries.

The EEC has recently negotiated a whole new list with the Japanese government to limit imports of, amon other things light con vehicles, advanced machine tools, fork-lift tracks motor cycles and watches. The most notorious item was video recorders, where the Japanese were required to raise prices by £100 a time and reserve a share of the market for machines made in this country but these are included in the Japanese quota, so Britain is a party to protection against its

These things do no good. The multi-fibre agreement, set np in 1974 as a temporary measure to allow old textile industries to adjust, has simply turned into ever-tighter carbs, even reductions, on imports from developing Far East countries, and has left our own industry in a worse mess than before as a new queue of yet cheaper producers undermines Hong Kong and

We are gradually converting the world into trading blocks in particular building barriers against the Far East, So much for free trade.

**Graham Searjeant** 

# New Throgmorton Trust PLC

The pro forma net asset value attributable to each new Capital Share to be issued under the terms of the reconstruction, based on the company's balance sheet as t 31.3.83, was 58p per Share.

#### Blagden Industries PLG

| Year ended December 26th | 1982   | 1981   |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
|                          | £000's | £000's |
| Profit before taxetion   | 1,743  | 2,006  |
| Profit after texation    | 1,479  | 1,220  |
| Dividends per share      | 6.0p   | 6.0p   |
| Earnings per share       | 12.5p  | 8.5p   |
| Net assets per share     | 137p   | 132p   |

Group turnover was a record £62.176 million and was 6% higher than that achieved in the previous year but profitability was affected by tighter margins. The balance sheet of the group remains strong with borrowings some £250,000 lower than they were at the end of the previous year and we continue to enjoy a low debt to equity ratio. Since early February there has been some upturn in demand accompanied by signs of an improvement in business confidence. If this trend continues we are strongly placed to take advantage of it and can expect to have a much more successful year.

A. R. Sparrow, Chairman,

Manufacturing in the UK contributed over £1 million in profits with exports at an all-time record reports lan B Church, Chairman

 Pre-tax profits increased by 19% to £1.85 million on sales up 10%. An increased final dividend makes a 9.5p total against 8.5p in

 USA, Belgium and France did well and Canada improved in the second half.

1983 has started well with a distinct improvement in retailing and the factories are busy. I expect increased profits provided retail trading continues to prosper.

| Comparative<br>results   | 1982  | 1981   |
|--|---|--|
| Sales<br>Trading profit<br>Interest payable<br>Profit before tax<br>Earnings per share | £m<br>39.06<br>2.53<br>8.775<br>1.85<br>22.7 <sub>0</sub> | £m<br>35.£<br>2.26<br>0.705<br>1.56<br>20.2p |

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## Looking for horses that pack Olympic power

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trial for the European Champion-ships in Switzerland in August the selectors will also have the Los

By Jenny MacArthur

Green, heads the 71 starters in the Badminton Horse Trials which begin today. Whithread, the sponsors, have considerably increased the prizo-money and this year's winner of the Whithread Trophy will receive £5,000 (an increase of the selectors to run, has been relief and the sponsors, who was also not required by will receive £5,000 (an increase of the selectors to run, has been relief and the sponsors, who was also not required by the selectors to run, has been relief and the sponsors, who was also not required by the selectors to run, has been relief and the sponsors.

By Jenny MacArthur

cluded her. Mrs Purbrick is in the happy position of having two good rides, Rig Pry and Frederick the Great. The former is another 10-year-old who shows great promise. Hugh Thomas looks set for a good outing on his sister-in-law will receive £5,000 (an increase of the selectors to run, has been relief.

trial for the European Championships in Switzerland in August the
selectors will also have the Los
Angeles Olympics firmly in their
sights. They will be looking
particularly for experienced riders
on up-and-coming horses which
should be at their peak by July.

Mrs Green is aiming for her fifth
Badminton on 15 occasious and "retirement" to ride this bold horse
after Mrs Butler had a bad fall at
Clarissa Strachan and Delphy Goodwood lest year. Although he
Kingfisher look in good form after
their victory at Brigstock. They will
be keen to improve last year's
reckoned with. Merganser was
performance when Delphy Kingfourth in 1980.
One rider the selectors will be
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after a fall at the Fig Sty. Diana
Grien it look good. She has two
rides, Regal Realm, her world
champion partner, and Beagle Bay,
now aged 13, on whom she won
Burghley last September, Regal

Green, hoping for a record fifth win.

well from the start and was reured achieving it look good. She has two rides, Regal Realm, her world champion partner, and Beagle Bey, now aged 13, on whom she won Burghley last. September, Regal Realm is the more consistent of the two but Beagle Bay on form is as good as any. Last year they were seventh and eighth respectively.

Rachel Bayliss and Virginia in Holgate, Mrs Green's team colleagues at the world championships in Luhmuhlen, look strong contenders, it will probably be the last time Miss Bayliss attempts Badminton on her courageous Mystic Ministrel as she is hoping to ease him more towards dressage. a discipline at which they excel. They were third last year and if victory came their way this time it would be a fitting tribute to a great partnership.

The selectors have told Miss. Holgate that there is no need to run her championship ride, Priceless, at Badminton, Instead she is riding Night Cap, who at 10 is a more than competent second string.

The fourth member of last year's BOXING

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Another to phorse missing of the field who is still improving. The last time field who is still improving. The last time is sone of the younger inders' champions and Sparrowhavk, are sidelined and time. Classic Lines, at the field who is still improving the field who is riding the younger forces in the field who is refused to the younger force in the f

horse, who was also not required by the selectors to run, has been Helen Butler's Merganser II. hobdayed. Meade has completed Thomas was tempted out of Badminton on 15 occasions and "retirement" to ride this bold horse won twice.



Mrs Green and Killshe splash to victory in 1979

picks all the easier but more time- been constructed. consuming alternatives it is less demanding than usual, but there will be plenty of opportunity for riders to demonstrate their skill and

The Pig Sty fence, which caused some trouble last year, remains but because the course is run the opposite way this time (clockwise) opposite way this into clotewise; the big spread comes first. One of the most impressive of the new fences is the New Moon (fence 12) at the bottom of the crooked S slope. "It is," the director says, "A fence where fortune will favour the bold".

been constructed for commercial reasons with the idea of focusing people's attention on three worthy causes. They are fence 7 (the British International Equestrian Fund), fence 18 (the British Field Sports Society), and fences 21 and 22 (the Grand National appeal).

The BIEF need money to go towards sending British's riders to

towards sending Britain's riders to the Olympics and the BFSS require funds to help them in their fight to counter the political threat to hunting. The Grand National It is," the director says, "A fence Appeal has to reach a target of £4m, there fortune will favour the bold". All three are causes close to the Duke of Beaufort's heart.

#### TENNIS

## US money soars

August 30 to September 11. Last year the purse was \$1.5m. The increase is 32 per cent. The men's and women's singles winners will receive \$120,000, compared with \$90,000 last year.

Rex Bellamy writes: The total of \$2.001.000 (£1,290,968 converted at 1.55) consists of £1,165,161 in prizemoney and combined additional payments of £125,806 to the grand prix bonus pool and the Association of Tennis Professionals. The singles events receive £412,903 each the

Rosalyn Fairbanks, in the Hilton Head Island tournament last week before losing to West Germany's

AMELIA ISLAND, Plortie: WTA Champk ships, first round (US unless sizetid): M Pietak bt F Rauchleson, 6–1, 4–6, 5–1; Busterovo (C2) bt C Vunier (Fr), 6–3, 7–6, Gadusek bt C Montairu (Br), 6–3, 6–3, Lagné bt R Tomanova (C2) 5–7, 8–2, 5–1; Repoint bt J Kip-h, 7–5, 8–5, Viagnesia 6

SQUASH RACKETS

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professional squash, and the one-way viewing Perspex is another in a series of court improvements. In

Miss Opie should do better than in

last year's final when she creditably lost 3-1 to Vicki Cardwell, the

supplemented by the brains of Jonah Barrington as his adviser,

may now be presenting Jahangir with a genuinely testing rival for the

may be

## Test players get pay rise to £1,500

England's Test cricketers are to have a pay rise this summer.

Cornhill, the Test sponsors, announced in London resterday that the match see would rise by \$100 to \$£1,500 for the four Tests against New Zealand this summer. Bob Willis or his successor as England's captain, will also receive a boost, from £1,610 per game to £1,725.

The choice of Gower, who scored 441 Test runs and three one day centuries in the World Series Cup, and Randall, who topped England's Test averages with 365 runs at 45.62 and fielded brilliantly, were hardly surprising.

Cowans, who generally had a disappointing winter, was nominated by Willis and Done Iweele the Cumulative ripples of optimism have been spreading through this year's British Open championships sponsored by Davier and Tate at the Derby Assembly Rooms. The dramatically designed hall is the money appropriate yet seen for professional squash, and the one-way viewing Perspex is another in a

money for winning the series.
Other increases announced were: payment to England's 12th man up from £490 to £525; umpires' match fee £1,125 (from £1,050); player of the match £500 (£350) and player of the series £1,000 (£700).

today's finals, Lisa Opie will be trying to become the first home player in 22 years to bring the women's title back from Australia.

Too much is probably being hoped for too soon. Although the attendances have generally been larger than last year, the steep-raized seats were disappointingly half empty for Tuesday's semi-finals. The court has become sandged since it was first unveiled at Chichester three weeks 200, and there are no clear reasons either why Miss Opie should do better than in Derek Randall and 21 year-old Norman Cowans, the Middlesex

Christmas.

There were also cheques of £450 for David Gower, vice-captain, Derek Randall and 21 year-old Norman Cowans, the Middlesex fast bowler, after being named Combil's three English players of the winter tour.

Cowans, who generally had a disappointing winter, was nominated by Willis and Dong Insole, the tour manager, "promise of things to come" and his match winning six for 77 in the Melbourne Test.

 Gloucestershire have drawn up a scheme to attract families and those scheme to attract families and those out of work to home games this summer. For the price of two adult tickets the club will allow two children to watch John Player matches fire. Those out of work will be allowed into the ground at half the normal price for all other county

games except Saturdays. Sri Lanks will warm up for the Prudential World Cup by playing a combined Berkshire, Buckingham-shire and Oxfordshire XI at reading on Thursday, May 26. Somerset will play at Kidmore End in Oxfordshire on Smday, June 12, as part of the testimonial for Brian Rose, the

 Yorkshire have signed a £25,000 sponsorship agreement with Servo-warn, the gas central heating

## Sri Lankan surprise

lost 3-1 to Vicki Cardwell, the holder.
Indeed, it is possible the men's final between the other holder, Jahangir Khan, and Gamal Awad, of Egypt, may be at least as well contested. The steady improvement which the smallest and fastest man on the circuit has made since being curvelemented by the brains of Colombo (Reuter) — Sri Lanka had a remarkable win over Anstralia here yesterday, beating them by two wickets in a 45-over match with five balls to spere. The Australian captain Greg Chappell, won the toss and decided to bat on an easy-paced and it was left to the tail-enders. and decided to bat on an easy-paced wicket. But accurate bowling by the Sri Lankans restricted the Australians to 168 for nine wickets.

The Sri Lankans then pulled off a thrilling and unexpected triumph when they reached 169 for eight on the first ball of the last over. An opening partnership of 68 by Sidath

AUSTRALIA: ·

Roshan's famous cousin, Hashim, won the vintage event for the sixth time by beating Trevor Millican. a Queenslander gost farmer, in five fascinating games; Ken Hiscoe, one of the original four touring professionals, won the veterans, and today Barrington mine to win the over-35 final against Ahmed Safwat of Egypt.

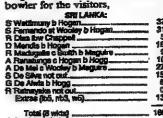
Barrington's win, at the age of 42, against another Egyptian, Ali Aziz, still the world's number 16, was argushly Tuesday night's most attractive match.

The chances of success of Miss I M Wood b De Silve.
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S Chappal c De Alvide b John.
W Hookse C De Alvide b Parantan
R Border b De Silve.
D Woolley c De Alvide b De Mell
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M Hogen on out. The chances of success of Miss Opie, the other home player trying for a title, depend absolutely on her Total (8 wkts) . and attractive strokes at the right moment. Her opponent, Mrs Cardwell, remains one of the most FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-67, 3-105, 107, 5-109, 8-118, 7-144, 8-167, 9-168.

athletic women the game has ever seen, and Miss Opie, though claiming to be fitter than last year, is unlikely to survive a game of She has, however, arranged for a celebration party at her Mottingham

celeoration party at her Motiongram home, as a going away present for her rival. But the likelihood is the Australian will finish her last British Open with her title intact, and the party will be a pleasant way of drowning British sorrow.

The Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee, recovering from a knee injury he suffered in Australia, bowled at half-pace and failed to take a wicket in his nine overs for 25 runs. The left arm spinner Tom Hogan was the most successful bowler for the visitors,



FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-82, 8-82, 102, 5-112, 6-139, 7-157, 8-188. BOWLENG: R Hoog, 8-0-40-2; J Maguire, 8.1-0-43-2; D Liliee, 9-0-25-0, G Chappell, 9-2-21-1, 1 Hogan, 9-1-27-3.

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle v Everton (7.0); Shaffield Wichesday v Leads (7.0); Soloie City v Covertry (7.0). Second division: Barnelay v Burnley (7.0); Middles-borough v Okham (8.30); Preston v Createrield (7.0).
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Stracey seemed surprised by 22year-old McGuigan's consistent quality as be floored Penprase twice on his way to victory with ten seconds of the second round remaining at the Ulster Hall, Belfast. Stracey said: "All McGui-gan wants is a bit more experience." McGuigan's obvious target now is the European title held by the Italian Loris Stecca, but McGuigan's manager, Mr Barney Eastwood, is cautious on this subject. He knows that Belfast could be not high the beautiful or the state of the state

Vernon Penprase, who lost the port, promptly retired from the ring vacant British featherweight title after his crushing defeat by the man fight to Barry McGuigan on Tuesday night, believes the talented Irishman will win the world title, an stopped, amateur or professional, opinion backed by John Stracey, the former welterweight champion.

McGuigan praised

outbid by the Italians for such a of the fight, a left jab, and continued to hurt him every time he landed. State Express. The third wild card place will be given to a British caught Penprase flush on the chin and he went down in a heap. contest, and he also knows that Penrase, aged 24, from Devon- and he went down in a heap.

#### IN BRIEF

RUGBY LEAGUE: Great Britain yesterday announced their 26-strong amateur under-19 squad to tour New Zealand this summer. The

after his crushing defeat by the man from the Border town of Clones. It was the first time Penprase had been stopped, amateur or professional, and when he quietly announced his decision in the dressing room he was fulfilling a promise he made to himself when he set out 11 years ago.

"As soon as the referee stopped it, that was it," he said, "I said I would give up the first time I was stopped or knocked out. I have reached as far as I am going and it is just a mug's game if you stay on after that. I owe to my wrife and children to retire."

By contrast McGuiser.

By contrast McGuigan can look forward to a glittering career. He hurt Penprase with the first punch of the fight, a left jab, and continued to hurt him every time he lended

States Open championships from August 30 to September 11. Last

events receive £412,903 cach, the doubles £103,226 each, the mixed doubles £32,258. The men's qualifying competition carries £41,290, the women's £20,645 and the senior

Carting Bassett, a 15-year-old Canadian, beat the sixth seed, Virginia Ruzici, of Romania, in the second round of the WTA championship here. Miss Bassett,

Junior tennis, page 27

## Coppell may miss rest of season

By Simon O'Hagan

The doubts about the long-term fitness of Steve Coppell, the Manchester United and England winger, resurfaced yesterday with the news that the knee injury which has troubled him since the World Cup almost a year ago could keep him out of action for the rest of the

Cup semi-final on Saturday between United and Arsenal. Now he will probably miss the final on May 21. exploratory operation on the kne this week should reveal the extent of the damage, although if the length of time he has been troubled by it is anything to go by, the outcome

The problem began before England played what turned out to be their last match in Spain, against the hosts. Coppell's swollen knee ruled him out of th game, but it was not until the start of this season, by when he had still not recovered, that injury became apparent. Since returning to the United side he has looked as quick and mobile as ever and he and his manager, Ron Atkinson, were convinced his was complete. Now they

Atkinson, it seems, is to be denied a full-strength squad for the Arsenal game after all. At various stages of the season he has been beset by injuries to Wilkins, Moran and Robson, but with Robson's much-localded return to the side on reshuffling appeared to be over. Still, spare a thought for Luton Town. Their ambition -, mere survival in the first division - may be humbler than United's, but the crop of injuries which afflicted them Four men queued up for the treatment table, a beavy price to pay for the 3-1 win over Birmingham on Tuesday which did so much to ease



Heart of Midlotblan hope to wipe out a £32,000 debt by the end of this month. The Scottlsh first division club owe Dundee United £22,000 for the transfer of Willie Pettigrew and Celtic £10,000 for Roddie McDonald. They have devised a scheme in which season tickets for 1983-84 are available at this year's prices.

prices.

With Hearts poised to return to the premier division next season, that represents a saving of sour \$22. he club's chairman, said: Supporters have until the end of the month to put down the money. If they buy a season ticket now it will cost £44 whereas by next autumn it will probably be around

our intentions to keep young talent at the club by arranging new contracts for five of our brightest prospects. Now the fans and shareholders must make their

subject to rescrutiny

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Stein, the club's leading scorer this season and only just back in the side season and only just outsit in the stor-after two months of injury. Both he and Antic have ankle trouble, Hill a bruised thigh and Money an Achilles tendon injury. None is certain of playing at Notts County home to Norwich City.

on Saturday.

Joe Gallagher, the West Ham
United defender, may undergo a
cartilage operation after being
injured during a reserve game on
Tuesday. If he does, he will miss the
rest of the season. Füs team-mate

## alleged to be fixed

Rome (AFP) - Claims that the Italian League first division clash between loternazionale and Genoa on March 27 was fixed has led to similar claims about five other matches last month. The Italian FA are inquiring into allegations over the match at Genoa on which an FA employee is said in horse has employee is said to have bet \$20,000.

Last night's results SECOND DIVISION: Derby County 1, Chargoo COTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Albion Rovers Cowdenbeath 0: Meadowbank Thistin 1.

**RUGBY UNION** MATCHES: Bridgend 25 Cross Keys 4: Colin Downey, from Hounslow, 46 Easter 10: Ebbw Vals 8 Massing 7: and John Pardo, from Kidder-77 7 Pompool 29: Was, 9 12 London minster. John Connock, of Bristol, 18: Glamorum Wandstwe

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match against Manchester City on Saturday. Also in line for a return is Mark Dennis, the Birmingham City defender. His suspension has kept him well out of things; he missed the match at Luton and the 4-0 defeat at home to Norwich City.

Southampton will have their first capacity crowd of the season for the visit of Liverpool on Saturday. The all-ticket game at The Dell is a 25,000 self-out. The previous best of

#### Alf Grey to referee the **Cup Final**

Alf Grey, from Great Yarmouth will referee the FA Cup Final at Wembley on May 21. Mr Grey, who has been on the FIFA panel since 1977, will be officiating at Wembley He was senior linesman for the

1972 FA Amateur Trophy Final and the 1981 Charity Shield game. He has been on the Football League list since 1972, having started refereeing in Norfolk in 1960. This will be his final season as a senior official because he will have reached the retiring age before the start of the 1983-84 season.

Liverpool will be certain of winning the first division championship if they beat Southampton at the Dell on Saturday. The inevitable was brought a little closer on Tuesday when Liverpool drew, somewhat uneasily, at Coventry. Their record at Highfield Road is less impressive than at many grounds they regularly travel to.

Bob Paisley, whose managerial

Bob Paisley, whose managerial career is set to reach its climax with

another triumph by the club he has served so loyally, had to admit "We got a point and that's all you can

England's midfield player Sammy

Lee summed up the end of season strain when he said: "We just hope we can get the ball in the net at

Liverpool have won only once in

ten trips to Coventry and the home side could have won if Whitton had

FIRST DIVISION: Coverity City 0, Liverpool 0; Luton Town 3, Birmingham City 1.

POURTH DIVISION: Colchester 1, Port Vale 2; Darlington 0, Blackpool 1.

Derington I, Bascopool I. ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor 2. Yeovil 2: Weekstone 1, Enfleid 3: Tellord v Weymouth postponed. Bob Lord Tropby fixel, first leg: Runcom 1, Scarborough 1.

## A blurred picture on the Torrance moves into public's right to view

the Football League after 95 years and create the contro-

versial but much to be desired

super league of big city, financially viable teams.

The present BBC/ITV contract, divided by 92 clubs, is worth a mere £25,000 each per

Imagine the reaction if a member of Parliament rose in the House to state that such was the popularity of roast pork among ordinary people that is, nearly everyone who does not keep a piglet or two in the back garden - the price should be artifically maintained in the shops at one quarter of its proper commer-

You would suppose, and you would be right, that all those pig breeders among Mrs T's back benchers (and there are not a few) would shout "down with ordinary people and up with the price", supported no doubt by their rural Liberal

reaction the other day -indeed, I think I heard the yawa in Hertfordshire – when a Tory member demanded that football must not be allowed to disappear from our television screens, no matter what, his inference being that there was some kind of electronic public right of way at Anfield or Highbury, never mind that the wages have to be paid.

Now you and I and anyone in football with any sense - at the lest court they could all

the last count they could all nfortably meet in a minibus known that the more that football is televised, the less poeple will be persuaded to leave their comfortable homes, park their cars a mile from the ground, run the gauntlet of Apache teenagers, pay high prices for often low entertainment and just make it back home to a habitable loo before their bladder burst.

It is symptomatic of the confused state of the game that within days of the publication of the Chester Report Mk II a dispute which could break up the Football League has broken out over televised soccer – which is not even mentioned in the report.

It can hardly be denied that the contract with BBC/ITV which expires at the end of which expires at the end of this season, the projected two-year improved offer of £5.3m and the rival Telejector bid of £8m are all a nonsense for the leading clubs whose matches form the staple screen diet.

If there is any good likely to come out of the dispute it is that, in conjunction with the probable rejection of much of even the latest milk-and-water Chester recommendations, the television issue will oblige the large clubs to break away from

push that up to £28,800 or £1,370 per home game. Each club, even in the fourth division, only needs to fill another few hundred seats per game to counterbalance that paltry sum, which the small clubs especially would probably do were there no tele-vision. The Telejector offer is worth 43,480 per club per season, or £2,070 per home take your ice dancing".

DAVID MILLER

#### **Fantasy**

game, still insignificant.

The television issue precisely illustrates the absurd anachronism of a 92-club League in ircumstances of present ercial forces. The profit from television for the big clubs is not the share of the contract but the income from perimeter advertising which can be worth £100,000 per season. Although it is a pres fantasy that Tottenham, Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal have formed an inner circle power group to oppose Telejector – and no such allegiance has been formed – it can be said with confidence that Telejector have no chance because perimeter advertising revenue would immediately drop to, say, £30,000 for an uncertain saloon bar audience who are probably playing darts or watching the stripper,

With only 13 first division clubs needed to block acceptance of Telejector, they will be ance of felector, they was be united in opposing a loss of perhaps £70,000 a year, even if the eight third and fourth division votes, and possibly many second division, would gladly be for Telejector's additional £15,000 per club chara of the contract share of the contract.

with two concessions: on shirt advertising and overseas sales. Acceptance of shirt advertising rould increase the main sponsors' payment from around £158,000 a season to between £250,000 and £350.000 £350,000, if West German experience is indicative. An aggressive renegotiation of overseas sales would vastly increase profits - Match of the Day is screened around the Day is screened around the globe - whereas at the moment football authorities suspect television of doing trade-offs at way below the going rate: "you take our football match, we'll

But REC/ITY do not want to get locked into a long contract with the Football League Ltd in case there is a breakaway by the top clubs.

vhat would be best for the game would be one match live, per channel per week, negobasis, with an equal balance of screening among ail first division clubs. Liverpool, say, could not afford to have their top four matches against Everton, Manchester United, Tottenham and Arsenal all screened live because it is on the basis of such matches that

#### Carve-up

Of course, the secon, third and fourth divisions do not want a television carve-up by the top clubs, but if only they could see sense they would recognize that it could rationa ize their own existence. Promotion and relegation have no benefit to the first division - Eric Taylor, of Sheffield Wednesday, long ago said one down was enough - and has only permanently established in the first division two clubs in 20 years from the lower reaches, Ipswich and Sou-thampton. The sooner we have a super league, the sooner we can have sensible finances and sensible tactics again,

# French players threaten to strike Paris (AFP)-The French first division could be through into confusion if the first property in the last day of their league tax relief, as had been promised.

confusion if more than 500 players decide to strike in protest at the introduction new restrictions on wages and transfers for the 1983-84

referee the FA Vase Final between favour, the strike will hit the last Halesowen Town and VS Rugby at three rounds of the first division Wembley on April 30. Brian Hill, season on May 20, May 24 and June from Kettering, will take charge of 3. The two sections in the second the FA Trophy Final at Wembley on division would also be hit with

Lee: feeling the strain.

PHENIAN LEAGUE: Burnhem 6, E Orloy 3, Charleny 3, Longue Cup, a ordession 0, Challont St Pater 3.

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CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everion 5, Stocks 0; Shadfield Wednesday 1, Hundersfield 0, Second division: Bradford City 0, Rotherham 0; Chesterfield 1, Preston 1; Marchester City 4, Notinghum Forest 1; Wagan v Part Vale possponed.

**RUGBY UNION** 

**TUESDAY NIGHT'S RESULTS** 

Liverpool one win away

from league title

week's meeting of League clubs here when experimental measures to put a brake on the constant increase in

French football officials are The strike threat follows last waiting for a meeting with Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy with whom they are due to raise the point of tax

Only three clubs went against the were agreed for 1983-84.

Philippe Piat, the president of the that professionals in the first National Union of French Professional Footballers, says the players could be led to strike for the stil under contract will be entitled to first time since 1972 because the

Widnes had two fine chances to

**RUGBY UNION** 

## Orrell's power ensures place in Cup final

By Michael Stevenson
Orrell were penalized for handling in the ruck and a Widnes forward took the law out of the referees hands. Prior's penalty attempt from close in struck a post and Widnes sighed thenkfully. However, Prior soon extended Orrell's lead with a coolly-taken penalty. Lancashire Cup final yesterday, beating a spirited but outclassed Widnes by four goals and two penalties to nil at Blundellsands.

penalties to nil at Blundellsands.

It is only seven years since Riley was astray with two simply Widnes defeated Ordel in a quarter-penalty chances, one of which struck final and went on to win the a post. Prior then put over a suberb Lancashire Cup, but a taxing penalty to make it 12-0 when meeting with Liverpool on Saturday Widnes were penaltzed for a high did not seem to have disrupted tackle.

Ortel's rhythm and they were soon in dentities control.

in damning control.

Their stand off, Williams, was soon finding prodigious touches down a chip ahead by downwind and Ornell took an early lead when Williams dummied and with a try, converted by Prior, broke, the pack rucked fast bill and Ruddy found himself unmarked on

Prior converted.

Widnes's answer was admirably positive. Spearheaded by their talented full back Whitefield, they launched a series of lively attacker. talented full back Whitefield, they launched a series of lively attacks; if Orrell's well-organized defence had faltered, the fast and constructive Widnes backs would have found the encouragement they needed.

Orrell were soon back on the offensive and should have gone further ahead when Webster drove,

## Weakened Wasps wilt

play with greater commitment than fifteen and had narrowed the deficit to 6-7 with a superb try by Tiddy and a conversion by Stringer.

George stretched the Exiles' lead with a penalty goal and then ten minutes from time, the speed of the Welsh passing at last stretched the Wasps' defence to breaking point. David Rees found himself clear on the right wing, made fifty metres, and, as Pellow drove him towards the touchline, he found Hurley in clear for a spectacular try, which George himself converted. In a frantic last five minutes, Stringer was able to reduce the deficit with

# the centre stage

Port el Kantssoui, Tunisia (Reut-er) - Sam Torrance, of Scotland, lan Woosnam. heads the British challenge as the The par-72, 7,227-yard comheads the British challenge as the Professional Golfars Association European tour, which carries record prize money of \$2.67 million, begins with the Tunisian Open here. The with the Tunisian Open here. The to the fairways by winter gains and 29-year-old Ryder Cup inter-national, who won the Spanish and clean and place their balls within national, who won the Spanish and Clean and place their bans within Portuguese Open triles at the end of one club's distance.

Portuguese Open triles at the end of one club's distance.

The Korean Open, penultiment official prize money list last year leg of the 1983 10-nation Asian behind Greg Norman of Australia circuit, begins in Seoul today with

United States Masters than the state of the Severiano Ballesteros, and Britain's players Lu Hsi-Chinn, winner of the Nick Faldo, who also competed in Philippines Open last February.

and Britain's Sandy Lyle.

Both Lyle and Norman will miss between Taiwanese and local this event along with the new United States Masters' champion the first prize are the Taiwanese and Reivin's along in Heil Chima and Reivin's along the Reivin's a Nick Faldo, who also competed in the final round at Augusta. Among the other leading contenders are Spain's Manuel Pincro, West Germany's Bernhard Langer and players Lu Hsi-Chinn, winner of the Philippines Open last February Chen Tze-Ming, winner of the That Open last month and Hsu Sheng-Spain's Manuel Pincro, West Germany's Bernhard Langer and circuit.



Torrance: faces tough test.

HOCKEY

## **Australians and Dutch** strengthen their position

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) - India in the third game yesterday.

Australia and the Netherlands This keeps them both at the bottom remained unbeaten in the 12-nation of the table and all but buries their ports. remained unbeaten in the 12-nation of the table and all but burnes their women's World Cup here yesterday hopes of cup glory. India, the only and both appeared certain of Asian team in the tournament, must playing in next week's semi finals. The Dutch wore down a defensive losing by the odd-goal to both United States and scored the only Australia and the Netherlands in Australia and Australia goal 15 minutes from time to draw

i against a determined Scotland.
With the other six-nation qualify-Dutch and Australians moved into the lead in their group with five points each from three games, two points ahead of the United States. The top-seeded Dutch, who have won two of the past three world seeds who fait tournaments, broke a flustrating chances in draddlock when their seasoned international, Fields Bockhurst, GROUP At Hollan scored from a penalty corner.

The Australians, who have looked the most impressive in the townsment's first four days, made a good recovery in a rain-hit second half to deny the Scots victory. Sharon Buchanan scored after a dazzling solo run by Sandra Pisani. Scotland, who had given a hint of their quality with a draw against the Netherlands on Tuesday, could have won and will hope to keep their paint hopes of a semi-final their paint hopes of a semi-final place alive today when they take on Wales. The Welsh drew 1-1 with

Morgan was on target for Wales.

where rankings have lost all meaning. New Zealand, the sixth seeds who top the table with three points from two matches, play England in a vital game for the third seeds who failed to accept a host of chances in draws against Argentina GROUP As Holland 1, United States 0; Wales 1, andia 1; Scotland 1, Australia 1.

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#### England's double success

England's schoolboys achieved a goals in two matches with none notable double yesterday by winconceded in the under-16 event. ning the home countries under-19 With goals in the first half, from hockey championship in Dublin Robert Moulder and Mark Riley, and the under-16 title at Swansea, England took a grip on the match Sydney Friskin writes. With no and followed up with two goals by more than a point needed to clinch the under-19 title, England drew 1-1 with Ireland at the Pembroke Wanderers Club.

England scored first with a well-taken goal by Michael Baxter but prize for the Player of the Liam Canning equalized soon after for Ireland. England dominated the second half but failed to convert in the prize for the Player of the Liam Canning equalized soon after for Ireland. England dominated the second half but failed to convert in the prize for the Player of the Liam Canning equalized soon after for Ireland. England dominated the side for the under-16 event.

INDER-18: England 4. Wates 2. First placing: 1. England, 4 points, 2, Wates, 2, 3, Scotland.

Wales 4-0 to finish with a total of 10

FOR THE RECORD

# BASERALL BASERALI AMERICAN LEAGUE: Mirrackee Brewers 6. Toronto Bise Jays 5; Detroit Tigers 13, New York Yestess 2; Battimore Orioles 10, Critoago White Sox 8; Texes Rangers 2. Cleveland Indiana 1; Kansas City Royale 5, Boston Red Sox 1; Sestin Martners 8, Cellornia Aggels 1; Caldend Athletics 4, Mirracots Twins 3. MATIONAL LEAGUE: St. Louis Cardinals 4, New York Mets 3: Criticago Cuba 5, Montreal Expos 9; Alisand Shipping Philips 4, New York Mets 3: Criticago Cuba 6, Montreal Expos 9; Alisand Braves 4, Cardinalis 4; San Francisco Gianns 8, San Diego Padres 5.

BASKETBALL Boston Celtico 99, New Jersey Nets 90; Atlanta. Hawkis 100; Philisodephia 78ers 97; Kensan City 100; Philisodephia 78ers 97; Marchael 101; Philisodephia 102; Philisodephia 103; Portend 116; Philisodephia 104; Seemile Supersonios 106, Portend 11al Blazers 107.

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SPEED SKATING

Canadians' clean sweep Nagoya, Japan (AP) – Canadian overall world champion, took the skaters made a clean sweep of all 1,500-metre race in 2:46.44.

Men and women skaters from Australia Belgium, Canada, China, France, Great Britain, West Germ-Grenier, who won the men's overall title at the World short-track speed skating championships in Tokyo last week, just beat Guy Daignault, a fellow countryman, to win the 500-metre event in 46.23sec. Daignault

vas second in 46.43. Earlier in the day at the Nagoya Kowa Land sports centre in central Japan, Daignault finished first in the 1.500-metre competition in

Australia. Belgium, Canada, China, France, Great Britain. West Germany. The Netherlands, South Korea, United States and Japan are competing in the two-day meeting.

Horses withdrawn Five horses were withdrawn from the Badminton horse trials last nig Japan. Deignault finished first in the Eadminton horse trials last night after one of the tooghest veterinary inspections for a long time. The horses are Knights Questar, Queen Fill, Willow Pattern, Seven Competition in St. O2sec and Sylvie Daigle, the 1983

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London Weish.. The lose of Keith Bonner, who was sent off, and of Tiddy, who was carried off with a back injury, proved too great a strain for a depleted Wasps side in a tight merit table game against London Welsh at Sudbury last night. A game that would, according to the form book, end in a draw, was won by London Welsh by a goal, A try and two penalty goals to a goal and two penalty goals.

As soon as Stringer slived.

As soon as Stringer slipped, Welsh would leap into life. When he misjudged a loose ball near his own 22 metre line just thirteen minutes into the game, the Exiles made him

pay dearly,
Hurley dispossessed him, Thomas collected as Tiddy tried to
repair the damage, and the Webb
flanker fed Jones who touched

Though both sides tried to play open, attacking rugby in the final quarter, it seemed as though the match might be decided on penalty goals alone. Flare-ups were frequent and Mr Mason, the referee, was put to a severe test in his bid to keep

support. Hurley then put George

The Car unexpected bonus for Welsh came just before the interval. Keith Bonner, a inckless flanker who had come in as a late replacement for Pinnergar, who had been held up in traffic, became only the second Wasps member to be sent off this season after he was involved in a zeries of disagreement with the Welsh pack.

The Car unexpected bonus for two penalty goals, two pe

## RACING: CLASSIC FILLIES ON TRIAL AT NEWMARKET Favoridge to dispel stamina doubt Ivano and Salieri

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

The spotlight switches to potential classic fillies at Newmarket last autumn.

Stakes here at Newmarket last endeavours to bide his time as long as possible, yet still use the run Stakes at Kempton but with the long down the hill into the facus dip to gain impetus for that final climb to the winning post.

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As a poi After a winter spent jumping it is necessary to refresh the monory form time to time, especially when confronted with races of this nature

a what better way todo that than browse through *Timeform's* annual masterpiece 'Racehorses' this season.

Favoridge's trainer, Geoffrey
Wragg, asked for his opinion, said
"She will stay all right, provided that she is ridden right," was his cryptic reply a he glared, albeit with a mischisvos twinkle in his eye at his nece's husband, Pat Eddery, who also happens to be the filly's Edge and Carolside, two more of I always prefer their in-depth assessments of individual horses to their political monans and greats and their piece on Favoridge, who is my selection for today's main race is case in point. It is excellent reading as it traces her two-year old. who also happens to be the filly's jockey this afternoon, just as he was last antume when she was beaten in career before analysing her chance of staying a mile and, perhaps, even winning the 1,000 Guineas judged on both her pedigree and past that controversial race by Ma Biche.
On that occasion Wragg was openly critical of Eddery saying that as he had let Freddie Head, on Ma Biche, get the first run he had to use up Favoridge's speed to get to the French filly rather than pass her.

Against that backcloth, it will be

Favoridge is currently the third favourite for the first fillies' classic. Her ability to last seven furlongs, which is the distance of today's race
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let alone a mile has been a talking
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point ever since she was outstayed
by Ma Biche in the Cheveley Park

Favoridge, this afternoon as he

she is by Riva Ridge, a horse who helpful in recent years with One in a woo both the Kentucky Derby and Million and Fairy -Footsteps the Belmont Stakes out of a mare winning both it and the 1,000. Last who won the Irish 1,000 Guineas at year it was thoroughly misleading least fans the flame of hope that a though because On The House mile should be within her compass could finish only fifth in the trial

Guineas betting. Last year Annie
Edge and Carolside, two more of
today's runners, were behind her in
the Lowther Stakes at York where she in turn was beaten by Habibti. It will be interesting to see how Alligatrix performs, more with the Oaks in mind. She is by the dual Arc

Oaks in mind. Size is by the dual Arc winner Alleged and looked much more a middle distance filly in the making than a Guineas hope when she finished third to Acclimatise in the Hoover Mile at Ascot last September. Sol-eh-ah enters the fray-

Deep Roots third Deep Roots could only manage third place behind fee Hot and Shining in the Prix Montenica at Saint Cloud yesterday, Desanoud Stoneham writes, but his trainer, Pascal Bary, has definitely decided to send the colt for the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on April 30,

First acceptors

TI ITST ACCEPTORS
TIA MARIA HURDLE (2m Handicap): Exhalor
7-11-4, Royal Vulcan 5-11-9, Gay George 7-11-5. Soin Buts 5-11-4. Migrator 7-11-0, Potato
Merchant 5-11-0, Domesial Prince 7-10-11,
Budmerrin Boy 8-10-10, Secret Ballot 9-10-7,
Ather Giozef 6-10-9, Coubte Wrapped 7-10-5
Brave Husser 5-10-5, Cool Decision 6-10-1,
Capitano 6-9-13, Fredcoteri 7-9-13, Very
Promising 6-9-15, Grest Light 5-9-11,
Russimnor 5-9-10, Janus 5-9-9, Norion Cross
5-9-8, Cardinal Flower 6-9-7, Jungle Jim 5-9-8,
Burns 7-9-5, Hap Decision 9-9-5, Kings Parade
5-9-4, Reginal Gressia 7-9-3, Morice 5-9-0,
Bellychmow 6-9-2, Garutie Princes 5-8-13,
Bellychmow 6-9-2, Garutie Princes 5-8-13,
Fear 7-8-12, Mosey Moore 7-8-11, Abu Torkey
6-8-10, Sig Bryme 7-9-7, Carbory Service 5-8-7, Classic Touch 4-8-7, Cornish Gressia 5-9-7, Spencers Lane 7-8-7, (To be run Harydock, Monday May 2.

As a result she started favourite at even money but was only sixth. The blame for that poor performance was subsequently put on a pulled muscle and that was the last that we

saw of her last season.

Zoffany, mooted already as one of
Guy Harwood's possible Derby
contenders, will have his first race of the new season in the Gerry Feilden Memorial Stakes which his trainer Memorial Stakes which his trainer won two seasons ago with Kalaglow. At a difference of 10h it will be interesting to see how Zoffany copes with Cradle of Jazz; Serheed and Tough Commander, all of whom showed a lot of promise last year without actually winning. Zoffany certainly looked full of the joys of spring when I saw him at Pulborough last month and arguably his victories at Newbury and Goodwood last season should give him the edge.

Groodwood last scason should give him the edge.
Finally, Schuss is preferred to Gay Lemur for the Rowley Maiden Stakes which will bring the curtain down on the meeting. A half-brother to that good four-year-old Electric by High Top, Schuss will be in his element while there is still plenty of cut in the ground.

Tony Ives: on the mark.

should be all right. But I must warn people not to back him for the time being."

The Guineas is now just over a forinight away and Cecil should be able to tell us more in a week's time about how Diesis is standing up to

Ladbrokes, who offer 7-2 against Lord Howard de Walden's full brother to Kris. The four horses finished in line abreast. "Diesis tired the last 50 yards, and he is about 10 lb short of peak fitness. He

had an attack of stomach cramp

afterwards. However, if I can get another five gallops into Diesis, he

pressure.

Ivano's victory was something of a revelation. Peacetime, the 6-4 favourite, and Bali Dancer both looked dangerous a furlong from home, but the moment that Lester Piggott moved on Ivano the race turned into a procession. Pat Eddery commented: "Peacetime ran far too freely for his own good."

There is no doubt that Ivano will now be a formidable contender for races like the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Ascot, and the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown. He was Cecil's

# comfort for Cecil

By Michael Seely

Henry Cecil started the season on best three-year-old colt last season, a flamboyant note when Ivano but did not appear in public after Henry Cecil started the season on a flamboyant note when Ivano sprinted to an effortless victory in the Earl of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket yesterday. The champion trainer also received encouragement for this season's classic chapters when Selien made a have those when Selien made a have time of sekine?"

Dest three-year-old colt last season, the capture of think that appear in public after finishing third to Dara Monarch in the St James's Palace Stakes at Ascot. "He had foot trouble and I did not think that he would be fit enough to win like that at the first time of sekine." agement for this season's classic enough to win hopes when Salieri made a brave time of asking.

time of asking."

Salieri to defy top weight against Boom Town Charlie in the European Free Handicap.

As a result of Diesis's gallop with The Fort and two stable companions yesterday morning, the three year-old has been restored to the betting on the 2,000 Guineas by Ladbrokes, who offer 7-2 against Lord Howard de Walden's full brother to Kris. The four horses time of asking."

Salieri started 9-4 favourite for match for the Tony Ives ridden Boom Town Charlie in the last furious, Able Albert fluished third after fly jumping and losing a few lengths at the start. "He certainly chose a bad time for his antics." said Lord Howard de Walden's full said that it made no difference to the result." the result."
You certainly have to hand it to

Bill O'Gorman. I was standing at seven countries are believed to have the entrances to the gallops already signed preliminary contracts yesterday morning when the trainer to play in a series of seven world nearly knocked me over. "Don't tournaments over the next three you dare kick this afternoon's Free Handicap winner," shouted O'Gorman, before he cantered away on Boom Town Charlie. It takes a good man to state his opinions so family beforehed.

man to state his opinions so firmly beforehand.

Boom Town Charlie is not entered in our 2,000 Guineas but will be aimed at either the French or Irishi equivalent. The value of the Free Handicap form is always sound, and the American-bred colt, who was bought on the trainer's behalf for \$55,000 by his brother Dick at the Keeneland Fall sales cannot be far short of classic standard. "I fancied him to beat Lyphard's Special in the Chamstandard. "I fancied him to beat Lyphard's Special in the Champagne Stakes at Goodwood, but he pulled a muscle and finished last. When he recovered, I had to take him to win at Redear or he would not have been rated high enough for the season, would have to be not have been rated high enough for the season. The players were told last week that winning pay, which had been increased to £85 midway through the season, would have to be reduced because of financial problems at the club. Bramley will soow fulfil three remaining matches

today's race,"
Most of our leading trainers are Most of our leading trainers are now starting to move into top gear. Michael Stoute was delighted with the running of Bali Dancer and Shergar's handler went on to saddle his first winner of the season with his second runner when Walter Swinburn showed commendable strength and patience on Majestic Endeavour In the Wood Ditton Stakes.

Stakes.
The whole afternoon was packed with interest. Easterby's two-year-old Nellie Bly showed all the courage in the world before overhauling Gentle Gypsy in the closing stages of the Bartlow Maiden Stakes, And Geoffrey Wragg shows us a lively outsider for the Derby Teenoso who romped home by eightengths in the April Maiden Stake

15 LAUGHTER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CHASE-(Handicap: £1,363: 2m) (6)

4-6 Nagent, 160-30 Robolin, 10 Rhinestone Cowboy, 12 Teston Ltd., Captain Kelly, Hope Again, 25 others.

Wincanton selections

By Our Racing Staff

Dr Craven says he rejected cash offer professional rugby circus, even though he had been approached by the organizer. He said he had been

offered vast sums of money to

support perfessional rugby.

Reports from Britain said that 200 of the world's best players are being recurited by David Lord, an

Australian sports promoter and television commentator, for a proposed professional World Cup.

According to the Crizen nesweaper here, more than 136 players from

IN BRIEF

Craven: "Offered vast sums Milford will play against Dewsbury

next Tuesday evening. BASKETBALL: The leading coach, Tom Becker, an American who led Sunderland to three successive championship play-offs, has joined Manchester Giants, Becker, aged 33, said: "Interesting things are happen-ing at the Manchester club now. I have the backing of equally ambitious directors and I think the game is going to take off in a big way in this country."

GOLF: Bell's scotch whisky, who recently announced a £300,000 deal to sponsor the Ryder Cup and PGA Cup, have extended their involvement in golf by backing the Professional Golfers' Association's junior championship. The winners of old the contestions and the first transfer of the contestions are first transfer of the contestions and the contestions are transfer of the contestions and the contestion and the of club competitions and area finals will gain a place in the grand final over the King's Course, Gleneagles, on August 28 and 29.

CRICKET: George Mann, the chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board yesterday praised the conduct of the England team during the tour of Australia. He said: "Our team were generally well behaved on the field. They showed great restraint and good sportsmanship even when faced with the occasional provocation from the crowd or when in receipt of some bad and cruel umpiring mistakes.)

## Fright for Wallace

By Lewine Mair

now fulfil three remaining matches by calling in amateur players from the Mildford and Oldham St Annes teams. The Oldham amateurs will

be used in games against Salford on Sunday and York on April 24 and

set, having lost the first, came within a point of defeat at the hands of the gifted 12-year-old Colin Beecher of Kept. In desperation, Wallacs decided to attack from the left. He saved the match point with a winning volley down Beecher's backhand wing and, thereafter,

backhand wing and, thereafter, played more positively in going on to win 6-7, 7-6, 6-1.

It was a commendable effort by both boys, Wallace did well to cope with the pressures inseparable from playing someone so much younger than himself, while Beecher showed that he was by no means out of his depth in this age group.

Wallace, one of four Millfield

but 5-3 shead in the second. THIRD ROUND: Goys singles R Whichead bt C Beecher 6-7, 7-4, 5-1, A Brica bt H Pringle 8-1, 6-3; 8 Heron of S Herings 7-6, 5-3; C Prest bt 8 Bearing 7-5, 7-6; A Handrag bt S Moir 4-6, 5-4, 6-1, J Goodel bt Mark 1-4, 5-4, 6-1, J Goodel bt Mark 1-4, 5-4, 6-1, J Goodel bt Mark 1-4, 5-4, 6-1, J Revens bt J Pringle 8-0, 5-3, F Couldridge bt R Kandal 6-2, 5-1; S Withensan bt J Wood 6-3, 3-5 retured; G Braquardes bt C Gillies 6-1, 5-1; A Rectenbach bt T Cetin 8-0, 6-4; A Grant bt B Wett 6-1, 5-0.

There was a nasty moment for pupils in the 48-strong boys event Mark Wallace, aged 16, the eighth seed, in the third round of the 16 and under junior hand court championship sponsored by Prudential at the Edgbaston Archery Club yesterday.

Wallace, 4-5 down in the second set, having lost the first, came who will be added to the difficult to see anyone stopping his run into Saturday's final.

Jane Wood, the Middlesex girl

Jane Wood, the Middlesex girl who last week reached the quarter finals of the 18 and under group at Wimbledon, had to withdraw from at a time when she was one set down but 5-3 shead in the second.

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# Fishleigh Gamble unhooked

If you wanted to convert a dichard devotee of the big-money Flat game to the more esoteric then Ascot yesterday would surely have been the place to do it. The scatured Pearce Duff Chase, in particular, had enough excitement and drama packed into its five or so minutes to make you wonder why anyone would bother to go to Newmarket, where the action is all

The grey Fishleigh Gamble, all the way up from Oliver Carter's small stable in the Devoushire. village of Ottery St Mary, was the whisper for the Pearce Duff, in fact, the whisper became a dealening roar and the horse went off a firm

ver before you can say "Wee Willie

Fishleigh Gamble had been an casy winner at Newton Abbot on Easter Monday, but those in the know gained their confidence from

Draw advantage: None.

Tote: Double 3.10, 4.10. Treble 2.35, 3.40, 4.40.

2.0 GRANBY STAKES (2-y-o: £2,443:5f) (9 numbers)

2.35 DAILY MIRROR HANDICAP (apprentices: £2,511: 1m 4t) (12)

[Television: (ITV) 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 races]

remember then, Steve Smith Eccles must have had an equally exhilerating one yesteday for nine-tenths of the race, at any rate. Fishleigh Gamble went off like a sprinter and had his rivals strong out like last week's washing by halfway. week's washing by haifway.

There was no suggestion of fate that she had suffered in races at the chessiess about the horse's jumping however. He was soaring over his fences like a gazelle and as they turned into the final straight, although he was definitely beginning to the in the sticky ground, it seemed he had only to get over the last two fences for his supporters to Milan, a courageous winner from

last two fences for his supporters to before it had begun. Fishleigh Gamble hit the top of the mound last, slewed across the course and lost all momentum, handing the race — or so it seemed — to Young Duelse.

Dusky,
The last-named was so tired by

G Baxter S Perks G Starkey

Newmarket

irons over the last twelve fences the other side and in so doing after a leather broke, but he still won impeded Fishleigh Gamble, who if Miss Curling had a ride to was beginning to get going again. So, Another Breeze, who had herself been stopped in her tracks by a fall at the minth fence and who had a rail at the minth sence and who had been an unlucky loser behind Gallaher here last week - not to mention two other cruel twists of fate that she had suffered in races at

Milan, a courageous winner from Angel Bank Like Another Breeze, Duke of Milan has earned a few months' break and next season Gaselee believes that he will make a name for himself over fences.

The leading owner, Shaikh Ali Abu Khamain, was present to watch Shell Burst - his first-ever winner the eight-year old second point-tothe less-named was so tired by and still his favourite despite the
point victory of the season, at this time, however, that despite his deeds of Gaye Brief - make all the
Eadbury Rings. There, his bider,
Polly Curling, had to ride without the less fence he ended in a heap on Hurdle.

### Wincanton

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2.30 HIMBLETON HURDLE (DIV I novices: 2690: 2m 4 21th YORKSHIRE MARINER (D) C Dawson 10-12-7

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21 -0032 PALIN CROSS P O'Corner 5-10-6 P Barry
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26 -0003 DICKLIS M Barraclough 5-10-1 A Webb
27 DBM ROCKS OF BAWN (0) B Cambridge 6-10-0 Mr Cambridge

4.0 R.M.C. GROUP HUNTERS CHASE (novices: amateurs: 21,447: 3m) (20) 

11-4 Yorkshire Mariner, 7-2 Kentigern, 5 Lonesoms Prk, 8 Rugy, 10 storic Lad, Geomosty Jane, 20 others. 4.30 STOURPORT CHASE (handicap: £1,553: 2m 4f) (19) 1 8401 CHINGOLO (D) Mrs S Davemport 9-11-13 (10 mg) P Warrier 

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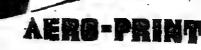
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into the fire." The reason why these are dangerous years for executives is that they coincide with what has become mown as "the mid-life crisis". The thought that with half their adult lives behind them, the rest may be more of the same thing causes a good many people to cut and run for something new in early middle age.

In the professions, particularly, there are many jobs which hold out no prospects for doing anything other than the same thing for year after year, if for increasing amounts of noney. That kind of realization dawns in the late thirties, just about the time that personal relationships tend to come under pressure for much the same reasons. One important question people should ask them-selves in these circumstances is what the cause of discontent really is. Is dissatisfaction with the job masking a personal problem? If it is, a job move,

Godfrey Golzen on how to time your job move

be quite the wrong answer. A job switch after years with the same firm often turns out badly because the person concerned has looked only at the job itself, not at the wider task of adapting to a whole new working environment. Mid-career job changers are particularly vulnerable. They tend 3 is basis of 15 or 20 years' experience, to have definite ideas on how things ought to be done. The trouble is that much of this may apply, not so much to the job itself, but to the situation in the last place

The need to find the right match between your personal development and the organizational climate of a prospective employer or the requirements of a particular job is by no means confined to mid-career. Passages, a widely discussed American book by Gail Sheehy has pointed out that people's lives fall into phases which also shape their attitudes at

In their twenties, for instance, they advertisement value tend to reject parental influence and ride for those this expresses itself in a general deliberate pace.

doing things. In an organization looking to make a break with the past a young rebel in a hurry might acquire whizz-kid status, but he or she would with all the stresses that entails, may certainly feel stifled by one where precedent and tradition were highly

> The next phase - from the late twenties to the late thirties - is one of transition, of realization that a straight line may not be the shortest way from A to B - that there may, for instance, be valid reasons why certain decisions have to be referred to the main board. The trick is to avoid, in those years, jobs where you are likely to be type-cast and to go for those where you can try out a variety of

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speech there has been increased interest in forging links between education and the world of work. The TUC and CBI jointly promoted the Schools Council Industry Project which has proved an admirable pump priming agency in those areas where it operates. The recent initiatves from the Manpower Services Commission have prompted many teachers to reflect upon the changing structure of employment and the effects of the recession on employ-

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# Today's television and radio programmes

#### BBC 1

.00 Ceefax AM News, sport, weather and travel in a daily promotion for telet Bresidast Time. Frank Bough and Nick Ross this morning with news at 6.30; 7.00, 7.30; 8.00 and 8.30; Regional news at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; Keep fit at 6.45 approx; 9.00

-.: 30 News, weather 12.57 Financial Report and subtitled news. .00 Pebble Mill at One. General interest magazine from the fishbowl foyer 1.45 Gran and 1.50 Stop Go! Two for

200 Film: Angel in My Pocket (1969) Small-town hokum had Andy Griffith as the seventh minister in ten yeers appointed to sheperd a quarrels flock in Kensas. But as an ex-marine and labourer, he's made of etronger stuff than his pedecessors. Jerry van Dyke, Key Medford, Lee Meriwether and Edgar Buchanan help bringing in the com.

Cartoon 3.55 Play School (and on BBC 2, 11,00am) 4,20 The New Adventures of Righty Mouse. Cartoon, 4.49 Reidi. Second part of the Alpine story for children (r).
5.05 Newsround. Paul McDowell

reads a junior news bulletin. 5.18 Blue Peter. On the London Marathon and the efforts of 13 BBC staff selves for the 26 druelling miles. Peter Duncan is amongst them. 5.40 News, weather. 6.00 South East at Six,

7.00 Tomorrow's World, items include a new coating to protect film from dirt; great and scratches and a cost-effective propeller. 7.25 Top of the Pope. Selections from the best-selling singles chart, cheer-led by Badio 1 DJs Dave Lee Travis and Andy

6.25 Nationwide.

8.00 The Kenny Everent Television Show Last collection of mercifully swift sketches featuring the many guises of the impish clown otherwise known as Marcel Wave, Gizzard Pulce and Sld Snot. do hope you are not reading 8.30 The Pares. "Ready for Anything" reads the regimental motto of the Paratroops and after having followed the arduous course

of their training over previous weeks, one would have thought the tag fully justified. But the recruits of 480 Platoon have their dreams of heroism the incessant vigilence of a policing role in Northern ireland. This concluding report on what we are told has been a typical intake of recruits, ... includes an appraisal of such elitist units in modern war and 9.00 News, weather. 9.25 Jury. The camera moves along

the row to rest this week on Christine, at 18 the youngest member of the fictional lary summoned to hear evidence in the case of raps. Debble Farrington plays the problem-beset teensoer. 10.20 Question Time. Weekly fifmus test of partisan coinion uses David Blunkett, the leader of

Edward Du Cann, the editor of the Economist Andrew Knight, and Sue Stipmen, a Trade unionist, on Sir Robin Day's coses topical questions. 31.20 Ten Milion People, Dr Eric Midwinter catalogues the most common changes that come Unaccustomed inactivity in retirement is often aggravated by bereavement and failing mental and physical powers.

6.00 Daybreak presented by Gavin Scott followed by Good Morning British at 6.30 presented by Anna Ford and Nick Owen, Items include News and weather at 7.00;

7.30, 8.00, and 9.00; Pop at 6.50; Guest celebrity at 8.20; Style by Jury at 8.50; Baby Talk at 9.05; Closedown at

Tv-am

#### ITV/LONDONS

9.30 Sesame Street. The Muppets came from here 10.30 Science tional With Michael Bentina, 10.35 Database. Micro series deals with rocom computers and talks to Clive Sinciair (r) 11.00 Lost Kingdoms. Chief Badji the Pure of Senegal 11.30 Film Fun. Pepe La Pew, the cartoon skunk, was modelled on Charles Boyer and Mauric Chevaller (r).

12.00 Gammon and Spinach, 12.10 Get Up and Get Beryl Reid gets busy. 12.30 The Sullivans. Police investigate the black market becon. 1.00 News 1.20 Themes News 1.30

Crown Court. Judgment day in the fatal fire case involving Elizabeth Spriggs as an allegediy negligent nightclub owner, 2.00 A Plus, 2.30 Racing from Newmarket. Covers the 2.35, 3.10 and

4.00 Gammon and Spinech (r) 4.15 Dangermouse. Cartoon

cliffhanger 4.20 First Post. Children's favourite programmes 4.30 Rowan's. Report, Nick Rowan visits seven-year-ord man a suite at Russell, in his private suite at Woburn Abbey, the ancestral home. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. Soccer sage ands its current

5.15 Emmerdale Farm. An anxious time down on the farm. 5.45 News 6.00 Thames News 6.25 Help! Harlesden's People's Community Council organise funding for local ethnic

6.35 Thames Sport promises an early tasta of cricket with highlights of the one-day match between Sussex and Surrey - in Spain. 7.00 Knight Rider. In which the

tour-wheeled hero saves yet another foreign head of state. 8.00 Let There Ba Love. In this visit to the sanitised world of advertising, our creative pair Paul Eddington and Henry McGee work on a make-orbreak jingle for baked beans.

8.30 Minder. Another repeated episode in the good old standby that subscribes to the notion of a criminal class. But who better to play its teacher then our Arter (George Cole) who in this one meets an artis painting erotic murals in Soho. The latest scheme is to recepioy his talants into faking Victorian masterpieces. George Sewell guests as the recidivist Rembrandt.

9.30 TV Eye, On fears about the Police and Oriminal Evidence Bill now belogs persiament. News at Ten, then Themes 10.30 Studio. A series has to be pretty awhal if the captains of

S.00 A Gentle Way With Cancer? TTV try to ldck it out of play before the firtal whistle. This destrous of a recording studio (too cliched to convince, too controlled for comedy) appears to have been booted periously near to the white line from its prestigious Tuesday 9.00pm position at the start of play. For the unwary, a living, legend of rock music is trying to give up drugs, while John Woodvine looks in as a dying 9.40 The Hunticane. Profile of World Snooker champion Alex musician whose legacy to the world is to be a definitive

"Hurricane" Hiddins. 10.20 Nessenight, ending at 11.10. album of John Dowland sonos 11.30 Open University: Exploring . Frequency Space; 11.55 The 11.30 Log Grant. A late edition from the newspaper sags (r). Making of the Open University. 12.25 Closedown. 12.25 Close. Brian Blassed reads.

Debbie Farrington in Jury

6.05 Open University: Maths -Linear Equations; 6.30

Case; 8.10 Closedown

11.00 Play School (and on BBC 1, 3.55pm) 11.25 Closedown. 5.10 Closser to Closeer. The

'enclosed society' of lawyers.

5.35 Tomorrow. The making of the
British version of the

6.05 Tocker's Luck

6.30 Just Another Day. At

Broadway musical Annie, in a documentary directed by film

student Amanda Richardson.

Sotheby's where the auctioneer observes, "there's

sale. Downstaks, at the public counters, the valuers save an

further acrubbing in the kitchen sink, and Mr Grubb the

raporter John Pitman's cameras add visual confirmation during an art

mique gravy bowl from

wine expert keeps an eye

open for those who fancy a

free tipple rather than a more sniff and twirl at his tasting (r).

Bolshoi Puppets, The Boishoi Puppet Theatre of Leningrad timed their British debut to

oincide with an international

festival of puppetry in London, four years ago (r).

7.50 Karl Mano: The Legacy. This week's chapter seeks out

week's chapter seeks of examples of revolution

inspired by Marx and Lenin, Historian Asa Briggs concentrates on Yugoslavia

and Cuba, although it is interesting to note that David McLettan, the original academic consulted for the

series (and the author of the

wanted more emphasis on China and has claimed since his disassociation with the

Manchester with the Nolans as

The peruitimate report on the progress of patients of the Bristol Cancer Help Clinic

offers some good news and

some bad. The good news is that, under her new "holistic"

regime (health food, relaxation, visualisation) one

lady says she has never falt

better. The bad news is that -another patient we met in the

first week has passed away.

project that the ready availability of library footage was the final arbiter of where the programme would alight. 8.30 Peter Stellern. Entertains a

home crowd for BBC

his guests.

entary book) bad

BBC 2

Modelling by Maths. Sundlels; 6.55 Neurophysiology; 7.20 Social Science: The End of the Line?; 7.45 The Borderline

The speed and eye of THE HURRICANE (BBC 2, 9.40pm) are legandary among cognoscant of the green baize. But sports writer Hugh Mclivanney's entertaining portrait reveals, too, the little-known modesty of snocker's stormy hero. I seems that on his way across the Rubicon of the krish Sea, Alex Higgins decided to call himself "Hurricane" rather than his other choice, Alexander the Great. To his teachers, though, he will always be Sandy, the reluctant schoolboy who preferred to spend his days in Belfast snocker halls like the Jampot. This anecdotal profile, inten-Jampot, This arectoral profile, awar-tionally intoned, I suspect, in mock-heroic style, charts its subject's speciacular progress from the Jampot, via beer-money exhibitions in such illustrious venues as the Arribulance Drill Hall, Accrington, to the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, where he chased round the table with ficating determination to regain his World title last year. This film also shows Higgins at his domestic devotions as father and spouse. Yet,

CHANNEL 4

course conducted by Adrian

up some pretty indigestible findings about butchers. Of 66 shope visited by meat sples

contravened the law. Common

meat being sold as "fresh", foreign meat passed off as British and more supposedly "Scotch" beef than can't have

been produced north of Hadrian's Wall, A meat trader

spokesman denies that there is widespread deception.

sions were defrosi

me, it seems

5.00 Termis That Counts, Termis

Stonehouse in Spein.

5.30 Countdown. The anagram

for the programme, i that only 13 had not

7.50 Commont.

6.00 The Good Food Show serves

challenge contin

CHOICE despite the mountain of scandal-sheet cuttings about him, he says little to Mctivanney, allowing a former great of the game, John Pulman, to have the best line: "There's a little of Jelofi and Hyde in Alex. Unfortunately, it's 75 per cent Hyde.'

There's little of Mellors about George Purse, THE GAMEKEEPER (Channel 4, 9.30pm) created back in 1980 by writer Barry Hines, director Ken Loach and actor Phil Askham, in this notable chronicle of country life and class differences filmed in and class different as the state of currentary-style on a ducal estate somewhere (to my ear) near Nottingham. George lives and loves the different of the field labourer, enjoying the nature of his job, breeding pheasants, stationg poachers, hunting wild rabbits, yet repaid shabbity for his devotion to his absentee lord and master. George's particular tragedy is that he doesn't see the ironies of his situation,

though Hines and Leach ensure that we do. For the most part, though, the film is a gentle evocation of rural life, photographed realistically by Chris Menges and Charles Stewart and recorded to great effect by Andrew Boulton with the twitter of birds, the professional forms of the continued. rifie crack of boot on dry twigs and the echo of hobbails on flag-stone. accuracy of the authorized Vulgate version. His cruel intermostion lasted for more than four years. In this dramatized reconstruction by Professor Ferdinand Woodward,

in 1572, the Spanish Inquisition put a theology professor, Fray Luis de Leon, ON TRIAL FOR LIFE (Radio 3, 8.00pm), after he read the bible in Hebrew and dared to challenge the Jeremy Irons plays Fray Luis and Peter Vaughan his Inquisitor. In PICK OF THE TERM (Radio 4, 11.03em) or the term (nade 4, 11.09am) another professor, Ted Wragg, delves this happier archives for a sample of delights from the VHF ghethes of Schools Radio. David Bellamy, Mari Wilson, Tracey Ullmann and Kenneth Williams are Utimann and Kenneth Williams are among those featured in extracts.

3.02 Afternoon Theatre. Music of a Small Life. A journey of musical nostalgla woven within a dramatic monologue written by Ted Alibeury and spoken by James Bolam. He is a sad bachetor who receils his childhood in the 1920s, war-time morance in febu and investiness. romance in Italy and ionelines: back in England thereafter by enatches of popular and classical music.

4.00 News. 4.02 Just After Four. 4.10/Bockshelf.
4.40 Story Time. Goodbye to Ali That by Flobert Graves.
5.00 PM: News Magazine.
5.50 Shipping Forecast.
5.55 Weather, Programme News.
6.00 The Stx O'clock News, Financial

Report. 6.30 Brain of Britain 1983†. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Concert Preludet.7.30 Scottish National Orchestra

6.30 Get Smert. Agent 99 (Berbera Feldon) performs a Mata Hari number to trap a KAOS agent.

8.00 The Optimist. He's played by the BBC's erstwhile Lucky Jim, Enn Reitel, in this new silent comedy series that only optimistically can look for success, its hero is a cross between Chaplin and Jati (but too stupid to evoke our sympathy) who is stalked by disaster even in his davdreams. Swim star Sharron Davies graces this episode, a beach fantasy set in picture-postcard Mexico.

8.30 Alter image. An "alternative arts" magazine that begins Japanese dance group,
Sankai Juku, their white ashen
bodies slowly snaking through
the bowels of Battersea power
station, then drowns under a ruickly rising tide of selfindulgence that throws up histrionic poet Stephen Taylor Woodrow (his Budding Bard Blurts Out is, alliteratively, a bore) and Andrew Logan conducting an operatio interview with Sonja Nerdrum. David Mach's recyc sculptures are a joy to behold, however, especially his Rectining Figure, fashioned from telephone books.

Soap. Susan Harris's glorious spoof serial attracted a sizeble cutt following in Britain, despite its pieceme networking. This from the top rerun should prove a useful ratings ploy especially against the bargain-basement look about Thursday nights on ITV at the moment. (r) 9.30 Film: The Gamekeeper (1980) Slow-paced picture of country

life and social strife by the writer-director team of Barry Hines and Ken Loach, uses Phil Askham and Rita May as an estate gamekeeper and his distillusioned wife (see Choice). 11.00 What the Papers Say. With from the week's national

Radio 4

Forecast.

8.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day, 6.55, 7.55 Weather.

7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.30, 8.30 News Headines. 7.45 Thought for the Day: 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather, Travel Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Invaders. Christopher Matthew with the last of four household

9.30 The Living World.
10.09 News.
10.02 Enterprise (new series). People who have achieved success against the odds.
10.30 Morning Story: The Hare by Rearden Conner.
10.45 Daily Servicer.
11.00 News, Travel.
11.03 Pick of the Term. A critical look at School Radio.

1.40 The Archers, 1.55 Shipping Forecast.

BBC 1 headlines and weather, Close. ENGLAND: 6.00-6.25 pm Regional news magazines. 11.50 Close.

As HTV except: 6.90-6.35pm Wales at Sbt. 10.30-11.30 National Museum of Wales. 11.30-12.00 Sense of the Past.

2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. . 3.00 News.

6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.

'horror' stories.

The Living World.

at School Radio. 11.48 Enquire Within. 12.00 News. 12.00 News.
12.02 You and Yours.
12.02 Watson and Holmes. Carleton Hobbs and Norman Shelley in The Six Napoleons.
12.55 Weather, Travel, Programme News.
1.00 The World At One: News.
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party.
1.40 The Archers.

7.30 Scottish National Orchestra direct from the City Hall, Glasgow, Part 1: Mozarti.
8.10 Any Answers?.
8.30 SNO, part 2: Schuberti.
9.35 Kaleidoscope, Arts magazine.
9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight: news.
11.00 A Book At Bedtime: Bellman and True by Desmond Lowden (5).
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.

Singary Potekast, Australia Forecast. VHP: As above except 5.25-6.30em Westher; Travet. 1.55-2.00 Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: Get By in Greek. 11.30-12.00 Open University: 11.30 Twentesth-century Poetry. 11.50-12.00 Music Intertude.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 News.
7.05 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Walton,
Vaughan Wilkers, Elgar;
records, 8.00 News, 8.05 Morning Concert (continued) Wagner, Rachmaninov, Brahms, Tchalkovsky; records.†

9.00 News, 9.05 This Week's Composers: The Spanish Golden Age, including Jean Brudeo, Valderrabano, Viudarra, Tomas de Santa Maria, Cabazon, Victoria; records.1

19.00 Scandinavian Music. Dag Wiren, Griag.†
10.55 Schumann's Ferninine
Character-studies, Song recital.†
11.35 Guitar and Harpsichord, Bernard
Stevens, Ponce, Bryan Kelly.†
12.15 City of Blimingham Symphony
Orchestra, Part 1: Smistana,
Prokofiev.†

News. Concert. Part 2: Shosti 2.00 Haydn and Mozart Chamber

Music.t.

3.00 Maruca. Opera by Amadeo
Vives (sung in Spanish); record
The principal singers are Ana
Riera (Maruca), Vicente
Sardinero, Victor de Narke,
Monserrat Caballé, and Pedro
Lavirgen. Enrique Garcia
Asensio conducts the Orieo
Gracieno and the Barcelona
Sympthemy Orthestra. This Symptomy Orchestra. This recording is part of Radio 3's current Spanish season.?

4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly For Pleasura.†
6.30 Bandstand, Basa Wingates
Band: Philip Lane, Edinc Cundell,
Denis Wright.†
7.00 8BC Scottish Orchestra.
Richard Rodney Bennett,
Howells, Delius.†
8.00 On Trial For Life. A reenactment
of the trial of Fray Luis de Leon,
compiled by Fardkrand
Woodward from the Inquisitional
Archives.†

Archives.†
9.00 Song Recital, Tchaikovsky,
Shostakovich, 9.30 Interval
Reading, 9.35 Recital, part 2:

Music In Our Time, Pierre Herry, Francois Bayle,† 10.05 Francois Deyen.

11.15 News.
News.
Viff only: Open University 5.356.55 am Welfare from below.
11.20 pm Maths Foundation
Tutorial. 11.40-12.00 Modern

5.00 The Early Show.†7.30 Ray Moore.† 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 Music While You Work.† 12.30 Glone Humiford Including 2.02 Sports Desk.† 2.30 Ed Stewert, Including 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.10 Racing from Newmarket. 4.00 David Hamilton, Including 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk.† 6.00 John Dunn, including 4.65 Sport and Classified 5.30 Sports Desk.† 6.00 John Dunn, including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results.† 7.30 Among Your Souvenirs. 8.30 Country Ctds. 9.30 Star Sound Extra. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Impressionists. 19.30 Geoffrey Cannon presents Round Midnight. 1.00 When Housewives Had The Choice? With Russell Davies and Julie Covington.† 2.00-5.00 Liz Allen.† VHF: as Radio 1 10.00-12.00.

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Radio 2

Radio 1

6.00 Adrian John with The Early Show. 7.00 Steve Wright. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Gary Davies. 4.30 Peter Powel, including 5.30 Navysbeat. 7.00 Talkabout. 8.00 Richard Skinner. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.

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News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Short story. 8.30
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the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30
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Show. 9.15 Lister Newsleter. 9.20 in the
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BBC WALES: 12.57-1.00 pm News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 6.00-6.25 Wales Today. 11.45 News Headlines, Weather Close. SCOTTA.ND: 12.55-1.00 pm Scottish News. 6.00-6.25 Reporting Scotland. 11.45 Scottish news summary and weather, close. NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.57-1.00 pm Northern Ireland News. 6.00-6.25 Scane around Stx. 11.45 Northern Ireland news headlines and weather, Close.

Starts 2,10pm Efalebelam, 2,20 Interlocie, 2,50 li Nostro John Pickering. 3,30 Ark on the Move. 4,00 Gernini Men. 4,50 CLWB S4C, 4,55 PB Pale, 5,00 Filech Heulyn. 5:30 Jeopardy. 8:00 Brookside. 8:25 Countdown. 6:55 Gair Yn El Bryd. 7:00 Newyddon Saith. 7:30 Dogfennau Dyfed. 8:00 Noson Lawen Tyddyb Ronnen, Llarawchila. 8:55 Maggi and Mac. 9:50 Vietnam. 10:45 Film: Cynara\* (Ronald Coleman) King Vidor's 1933 romantic tragady. 12.05 Gair Yn Ei Bryd. 12.10 Closedown.

As London except: 10.30am Cartoon, 10.40 History of the Car. 11.05-11.30 Groovie Shoulies. 1.20-1.30pm News. 5.15-5.45 Diff rent Strokes. 6.00 News. 8.35 Crossreds. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.00 Police Squad. 8.30-8.30 Falcon Crest. 10.30-11.00 Scene '83. 12.00 Rence Miller 12.30 Closetowo. 12.00 Barney Miller, 12.30 Closedown.

**HTV WALES** 

As London except: 10.30am Wattoo Wattoo. 10.40-11.30 Get the Picture 1.20pm-1.30 News, 6.00 About Angla. 6.20 Arena. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Grumbleweeds Radio Show. 7.30-8.00 Police Squad. 8.30-9.30 Falcon Crest. 10.30-11.00 Bygones Special. 11.30 Making's Living. 12.00 That's Hollywood. 12.30am Big Question, Closedown. CHANNEL

**ANGLIA** 

As London except: Starts 12.00-12.10pm Gammon and Spinach. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 5.00 Channel Report. 5.30 Gardens for all. 7.00 Different Strokes. 7.30-8.00 Police Squad. 8.30-9.30 Hawaā Five-O. 10.35-11.00 Dance Class. 11.30 Last Outlaw. 12.25 Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25em News. 9.30 Young Ramsey, 10.26 Spread Your Wings, 10.55 European Folk Tales. 11.05-11.30 Stingray, 1.20pm-1.30

News and Local durit, 5.00 News, 6.02.
Crossroads, 8.25 Northern Life, 7.00
Emmerdale Farm, 7.30 Police Squad,
8.30-8.30 Falcon Crest, 10.22-11.00
Double Top. 12.00 Games for Live,
12.05 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 10.30am Cartoon. 10.40 New Fred and Barney Show. 11.05-11.30 Crezy World of Sport. 1.20-1.30pm News. 8.15-5.45 Diff rent.

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As London except: 9.30am Young Ramsey, 10.25 European Folk Tales, 10.35-11.30 Musical Special, 1.20pm-1.30 News, 5.15 Gus Honeybur, 5.20-5.45 Crossroads, 5.00 Today South West, 6.30 Gardens For All, 7.30-8.00 Police Squad, 8.30-8.30 Hawaii Five-O, 10.35-11.00 Dance Class, 12.00 Superstar Profile: Alan Alda, 12.31 Closserous SCOTTISH

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As Landon except: 10.30em Natural Environment: 10.55 Asian Insights. 11.25 History of the Car. 11.50-12.00 Larry the Lamb. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.40-5.45 Bodyline. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Talking Scotla. 7.00 Berson. 7.30-8.00 Polics Squad. 8.30-9.30 Falcon Crest. 10.30 Studio. 11.25 Late Call. 11.30 Sense of the Peat. 12.00 Grann Tara. 12.30em

BORDER As London except 10.30am Larry the

Lamb, 10.40-11.30 Space 1999.
1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 University
Challenge. 6.06 Lookaround. 6.35
Crossroeds. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm.
7.30-8.00 Police Squad. 8.30-9.30
Falcon Crest. 10.30 Sense of the Past.
11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 News.
12.03am Closedown.

As London except: 10.30 am Contact. 10.55 Window in the Ice. 11.10-11.30 Sport Billy, 12.30 pm-1.00 Paint along with Nancy, 1.20-1.30 News and Weather, 5.15-5.45 Benson, 5.00 Calendar, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Emmerdale Farm, 7.30-8.00 Police Squad, 8.30-9.30 Falcon Crest, 10.30 Studio, 11.00 Hill Street Blues, 12.00

As London except: 10.30em Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 10.35 Falcon Island, 11.00 Cartoon, 11.05 Adventures

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## **Doubts** over fate of Galtieri

From Andrew Thompson **Buenos Aires** 

Arnid conflicting reports and rumours, General Leopoldo Galtieri, former President of Argentina, was taken from his home in residential district of Buenos Aires on Tuesday night to an undisclosed military unit, where he will a period of disciplinary arrest.

Journalists who had spent all

day outside said that the general left at 21.30 pm local time in a private car escorted by three Army vehicles. Rumours that he would resist arrest provewd to be unfounded.

Army sources, which had earlier confirmed that General Galtieri faced 60 days detention, began to suggest that the sentence was only 45 days. The Army has been reducing the information it is prepared to give on the former President's pricise legal situation.

Central to the charges against General Galtieri are statements de in an interview published by the Buenos Aires newspaper Clarin on April 2.

He was highly critical of General Mario Menendez, whom he had appointed military governor of the Falklands. "After San Carlos I thought of replacing General Menéndez. I did not do so because I wanted to avoid panic, a breach in our operational front", he said, adding that General Menendez "let me down" and that "he seemed to sink five centimetres

with each day that passed".

General Menendez is one of the officers who have demanded the formation of Army commissions of honour to investigate General Galtieri's

In another passage, General Galtieri, blamed his junta colleagues and Señor Nicanor Costa Mendez his Foriegn Minister, for Argentina's failure to take the last chance of a negotiated settlement.

"At a junta meeting, and after asking them not to hit me for what I was giong to say, because ive and impulsive, I proposed a draft statement to be sent to the United Nations. It said, roughly, that Argentina would withdraw the fleet and promis-

ing to negotiate."
"All those present - Costa
Méndez and Admiral Suárez del Cerro were there as well - said there was no domestic political space for such a move.



Flood waters in Cologne leave a landing stage along the Rhine quay marooned.

## Flood brings chaos to German cities

Bonn (Reuter) - The cities of Bonn, Cologne and Koblenz were awash yesterday as thousands of West German firemen, troops and volunteers fought flood waters from the

overflowing Rhine. In northern France, 12 people were reported to have died in four days of flooding, according to French radio. The French Interior Ministry said it was aware of only three dead and three missing, although this was not a final figure. River levels were falling yesterday after heavy rain abated.

In West German, the Rhine, swollen by several days of torrential rain, reached its highest level since 1970, torrential rain, reached its highest level since 1970, swamping the old city centre of Cologne and several low-lying the cologne's Cothic cathedral and riverside sites near the town of

areas of Bonn. Officials ex-pected the Rhine to reach its highest level last night and then start to recede.

Flood water was pumped from the vaults of the Bundestag building in Bonn and the Speaker's private entrance could be reached only by boat, a Parliament spokesman said. Several embassies, including those of Turkey and Yugoslavia, were under water in the diplomatic suburb of Bad Godesberg and guests at a luxury riverside hotel were

evacuated by boat. Makeshift floodgates were set up around

the sprawling American Embassy complex in Bad Godes-

the Rhine were under 3ft of water and many residents took refuge on the first floor of their

Emergency teams battled all night to stem the floods, but pumping was suspended in some parts of Cologne yester-day because of fears that historic buildings might col-lapse, officials said.

Thefloods caused widespread disruption to public transport and road traffic chaos throughout the Rhineland. Barge traffic on the Rhine, West Europe's busiest inland waterway, has been suspended until next week at the earliest.

were swept away. The city of Trier, on the river Maselle, has declared a state of

emergency.
Agriculture Ministry offi-cials said the floods would delay planting of sugar beet, but should not barm the scenic terraced vineyards in the Rhine and Moselle valleys.

In Luxembourg, roads along the Moselle remained closed but water started to recede in the worst flooding experienced by the Grand Ducky since 1947, officials said.

In many towns and villages along the "wine road" that follows the river, people moved houses as basements and

## Sierra campaign kills hopes for end to price war

Continued from page 1

taxation offices could not cope and a reported 4,000 sales had to be carried over to April

The incentives continue this

necessary because of the "dirty tricks whispering campaign" being waged by rivals.

The incentives continue this month with the exception of those paid to fleet buyers, who heading for record sales this are said to have received a £200 year of over 1,720,000 cars, rebate for each Sierra bought in March.

The incentives continue this massive intervention has the figure show how, we are still repeated the entire market them. Whatever the 10-day figures show now, we are still manufacturers were hoping that after two years in the doldrums after two years in the doldrums anything like the sums they are month." Bishops' plea, page 2

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They complain that Ford's within the limits of making a massive intervention has dis-runted the entire market them. Whatever the 10-day

#### Heseltine rejects dual-key for cruise

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Mr Michael Heseltine, Scoretary of State for Defence, impressed Conservative backbenchers last night with a stout defence of the joint decisionmaking arrangements between Britain and the United States for the firing of cruise missiles stationed on British soil. Addressing a joint meeting of

the Conservative backbench defence and foreign affairs committees in the Commons Mr Heseltine apparently succeeded in dispelling any lasting impression that the Govern-ment might be thinking of asking the Americans for a dualkey system of control, as some of his backbenchers wish.

He spoke with satisfaction of the way the existing joint decision arrangement has worked since it was instituted in 1951 by Mr Clement Attlee and President Truman. He said it would be illogical to have a duel-key system for cruise missiles, and not to have one for the Poseidon submarines and the F111 bombers.

He added that to introduce the system would be costly delay the installation of the missiles, and worst of all, be bad for relations between the two countries, damaging the atmosphere of mutual trust

MPs said later that Mr Hesektine's presentation had been highly effective, "If only he had half an hour on television to do that," one said. but that does not mean that his difficulties with some backbenchers are over.

Few of the dual key pro ponents spoke at last night's meeting, and many of them were absent, but they are hoping to press the issue to a vote when the Commons debates disarmament, probably the week after

About 40 Conservative MPs from a wide cross-section of the party last month backed a motion from Mr Alan Clark, MP for Plymouth, Sutton, calling for the introduction of a mechanism for sovereign physical control." It was withdrawn because of fears that it might embarass the party.

But Mr Clark hopes to table an amendment along the same lines for the debate. He told The Times yesterday: "Affirmations, however often repeated and whatever form they may take,

are useless.
What we are talking about is an acute crisis. At that time overriding national interests are the sole criteria."

#### Frank Johnson in the Commons

## A lens-eye view of the Queen of committees

Mr Austin Mitchell, a well-publicized Labour backbencher who, for that reason, sometimes arouses disap-proval and perhaps even envy in some of his rougher Labour colleagues, was yesterday voted leave to bring in a Bill allowing television cameras access to the proceedings of Parliament's committees.

The Bill reopened once more the controversial issue of whether Mr Mitchell should be televised. Members are divided more or less equally on the issue. The opponents of allowing cameras access to him argue that the cameras will concentrate only on the headline-catching part of Mr Mitchell's proceedings.

The supporters are in favour of it for the same

reason. Others believe that the televising of Mr Mitchell is inevitable - something which, in a world dominated by the electronic media, is unavoid-

Both supporters and opponents were on hand in good numbers yesterday as Mr Mitchell began his speech the latter group, particularly on the Labour side, being the more ribald. For, immediately prior to being elected to the Commons, Mr Mitchell followed the trade of television

As objects of loathing among Labour backbenchers, television presenters now rank well ahead of slum landlords and Chilean generals. Television presenters are asso-ciated with being recognized in supermarkets by libidinous housewives and similar injustices. Also, it is assumed, presumably rightly, that the actual work of television presenting, which confers these privileges, is extremely cushy.

Most Labour members do not object to people having a cushy time provided they have it in obscurity. It is the television presenter's combi-nation of fortunate circumstances that arouses their irritation. So, when Mr Mitchell rose

yesterday, he faced much potential opposition from his own side. He began by emphasizing the immense importance to Parliament, democracy, and indeed civilization, of select committees. "I am proud to belong to the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee", he announced. He went still further.

"I regard it as the most intellectually demanding part of my experience as an MP", he said. There spoke a man who had perhaps been sparing in the demands he had made upon his intellect. It was hard on the public, then, that the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee, stuffed as it was with MPs making the most strennous demands on their intellects, was not televised - so that folk could see

all that demanding going on. The committee on race relations had been filmed walking about Bristol after the riots, but could not be filmed being a committee, he is

Mr Mitchell seemed unable to. accept that any of as are sceptical of committees of any kind - be they select committees, committees of inquiry, or committees of workers, peasants and intellec-

He referred to the need to televise above all "the Queen of committees: the Treasury and Economic Policy Coumittee," seemingly unaware that to many of us the Queen of Committees is not any particular committee, but Lady Plowden, who seems to be on all of them. Asking questions on television, said Mr Mitchell, should not be left to "amateurs like Sir Robin

One later consulted Mr Mitchell's Who's Who entry, He turned out to be, in addition to a television presenter, the author off the book with the pehaps the least dramatic title in English liteature: New Zealand Politics in Action, which work was followed up with the equally restrained Politics and People in New Zealand. What does that amateur Day know about New Zealand?

Another Labour backbencher, Mr Joe Ashton, spoke against the Bill. He had seen televised committees in America, he said. They were a shambles. Senator McCarthy had done well out of televised committees, he said (omitting to say that the senator was also destroyed by one.) "Nixon was his aide who became Vice-President", added Mr Ashton.

Actually, Mr Nixon had nothing much to do with McCarthy. Perhaps Mr Ash-ton was thinking of Alger Hiss or possibly Rudolf Hess. Who could say? It was a thoroughly

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#### Today's events

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attend a Service of the Kent Opera, attends a performance of Don Giovanni, The Orchard, Royal Victorian Order in St George's Chapel, Windsor, 11; hold a reception in St George's Hall, Vindsor, for those attending the Geissler, Art Gallery and Museum,

The Service will also be attended ry Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke of Gloucester, and The Duke and Duchess of Kent.

engagements in Dartford: visits Wellcome Foundation, 3.40; and

Glass engraving by Alison Geissler, Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (until May-8).

English watercolours from 1750 to 1850; and A Special Friendship: work acquired for the Gallery, with the aid of The Friends; both at

4 Somebody, after a division

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Evidence in camera? No (8).

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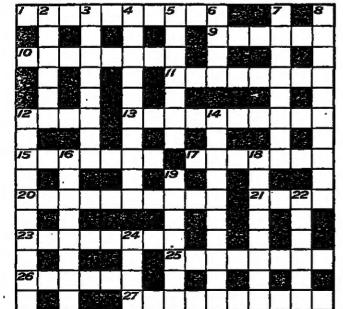
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No. 16,103



#### ACROSS

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Manoa (8). 12 Circus performer with an impressive act indeed? (4).

13 Appointment as Minister to 16 Boy in bus makes make speech about noise (10). 15 Improve strength perhaps, by 18 Erasmus for instance liable to signing him on? (7).

17 Intellectual's cracked, if one of 19 What definition states those in their cups (7).

20 Mother maybe holds back letters 22 Deny it's trash (6). for both our houses (10). 24 Dress, with age, would be 22 (4). 21 One involved with arms (4). 23 A figure sufficiently angular for

the Muses (8). 25 One trick in tune arrangement. to arouse curiosity (8). 26 Sweet but gullible type (6). 27 Head of state a year from now?

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(3,7).

2 To put up a record on ice, buy this and skate (6). commodities market (8).

**CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 12** 

The Duke of Kent carries out Whitworth Art Gallery, Whitworth agagements in Dartford: visits Park, Manchester; Mon to Sat 10 to Velicome Foundation, 3.40; and 5. Thurs 10 to 9, closed Sun (until bartford VMCA A 50, as Parce of Gulbenkian

prints, 1982, and porcelain by Philippa Cronin; both at Oxford Gallery, 23 High Street, Oxfords Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (until April 27).

Five Painters – an exhibition

focusing on work by five British painters who live and work in the south of England, John Hansard Gallery. Southampton University, Mon to Sat 10 to 6, closed Sun (until April 3). Alive To It All: works by 13

artists, including Klee, Miro and Roger Hilton, Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hall; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Snn 2.30 to 4.30; until April 24).

Work by John Chapman and Christine McKelvey, Museum and Art Gallery, Library Street, Black-bura: Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6, Sat 9.30 to 5, closed Sun; (until April 30). Harveys History of Wine collec-tion, Chelmsford and Essex Mu-seum, Oaklands Park, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford; Mon to Si to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (until May 22).

Maritime England Mary Rose Exhibition, Bickleigh Castle, Tiver-ton, Devon; Wed and Sun 2 to 5; (until Oct 16).

Work by three Canadian sculp-tors, Museum and Art Gallery, Cartwright Hall, Bradford; Tues to Sun 10 to 5, closed Mon; (until May

Dress of the Year 1963-1983, Museum of Costume, Assembly Rooms, Bath; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 6, Sun 10 to 6; (until Oct).

Music Concert by the Halle Orchestra Free Trade Hall, Peter Street Manchester, 7.30. Manchester, 7.30.
Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra, City Hall, Glasgow, 7.30.
Concert by the British Youth Symphony Orchestra, Chichester Cathedral, 7.30.
Recital by Geoffrey Buckley, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 1.10.
Concert by the Pump Room Trio, Christ Church, Julian Road, Bath, 7.30.

Concert by Plymouth Area Police Choir, Guildhall, Plymouth, 7.30.

Talks, lectures To the Roof of the World, by I. Bunyan, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburga, 2. William Hunter, Book Collector, by J. Baldwin, Boyd Orr Building Glasgow University, 3.

Royal London, neet Westminster Underground, 11 am. Cheisea, meet Si Chelsea, meet Sloane Square Underground, 2.30 pm. Haunted London Ghost Walk (finishing in a pub), meet Covent Garden Underground. Mysterious Interiors of Hidden London, meet Holborn Under-Quaint City Pubs, Curious and Courtyards, meet St Pani's Under-ground, 7.30 pm.
The London Dickens Knew, meet Blackfriars Underground, 11 am. Literay London – Fleet Street, meet St Paul's Underground, 2 pm. Religion in London, meet outside Museum of London, 230 pm.

#### New books – paperback

Roads

and 27 (A5209, Wigan/Standish) Greater Manchester, work will last

Greater Manchester, work will last until November. Also southbound carriageway closed between junctions 41 (N of Pennith) to 42 (S of Carlisle), Cambria; all traffic sharing northbound carriageway.

Scatiand: A80: Stirling Road, Muirhead, Strathclyde, closed either side of Muirhead village until tomorrow. A8: Diversions and carriageway closures at Parklea, Port Glasgow, Strathclyde. A92: Kirkcaldy Esplanade, Kirkcaldy, Fife, closed until Monday because of annual Links Market.

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The Dally Mirror awards Oscars to various politicians in a light-hearted leader this morning. "Our

lobbying by their cronies, neither Peter Tatchell nor Roy Jenkins wins

The Daily Express finds the Left's hostile reaction to Govern-

ment proposals to introduce a

voluntary stint in the Armed Force for jobless teenagers "predictable"

Oscar for the Best Newcom to David Steel for the seven

The papers

23.35) Bertolt Brecht in America, by James K. Lyon (Methuen, 25.95) Discovering Birds, by Tony Soper (BBC, 23.50) Getting to Yes, by Roger Fisher and William Ury (Hutchinson, £4.95) Moonitis, by David Foster (Pt.actor, 22.50) Selected Poscus of Thomas Hardy, edited by James Resves and

(Pan, 21.25)
Sitye, by Darek Cooper (RKP, 25.95)
The Vanishing Hischhäuer, by Jan Harold Brunwand (Picador, 21.95)
Waterways Postcards 1900-1930, by Hugh McKnight (Shepperton Swen, 24.96)
With Love, by Theodora RitzGlibbon (Pan, 21.95)

#### **Anniversaries**

Loudon and South-east: A308:
Major roadworks on Sunbury Road,
Hampton, Middlesex: avoid Hampton Court area. A3216: Chelsea
Bridge: only one lane in use; use
Albert, Battersea or Vauxhall
Bridges as alternatives. A362:
Darriord Tunnel: Roadworks causing temporary width restriction of 9
foot 6 inches each way.
Milands and East Anglis: A1:
Lane closures on Stangate Hill, near
Alconbury, Cambridgeshire.
Wales and West: A55: Tempor-Births: Abraham Ortelius, car-tographer, Antwerp, 1527; Chris-tiaan Huygens, mathematician and astronomer, The Hague, 1629. Deaths: George Friedrick Handel, London, 1759; Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of the United sixteenth President of the United States, was shot at Ford's Theatre, Washington, and died the following day, 1865; Aleksandr Scriabin (new style April 27), Moscow, 1915; Louis Sullivan, architect, Chicago, 1924; Vladimir Mayakovski, poet, Moscow, 1930; Ernest Berin, London, 1951. Alconbury, Cambridgeshire.

Wales and West: A55: Temporary signals between Highlands Road and Llawr Centre, Old Colwyn, Clwyd, North Wales. A541: Roadworks from Westminster Bridge, Gwenyllt, to Oak Alyn, Wresham, Clwyd, North Wales. M5: Northbound exit slip-road closed at junction 25 (Tannton); diversion signposted via junction 26 (A38, Wellington).

North: M6: Lane closures between junctions 25 (A49, Wigan) and 27 (A5209, Wigan/Standish), Greater Manchester, work will last

#### Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Finance Bill. Lords (3): British Shipbuilders
Bill. report. Debate on EEC
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#### forecast

A westerly airstream will persist, with a weak trough of

Weather

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, SW England, Channel Islands: Becoming dry and brighter after a rather cloudy start; wind variable, light; max temp 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).

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SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyl, Orkney, Shetland: Surny Intervals, some scattered showers; wind W, moderate to fresh; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

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Sun sets: 7.55 pm

Lighting-up time London 8.25 pm to 6.36 am Bristol 8.34 pm to 5.46 am Edinburgh 8.46 pm to 5.39 am Manchester 8.37 pm to 5.41 am Penzance 8.44 pm to 8.00 am

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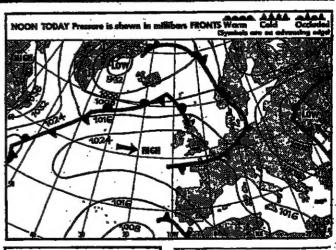
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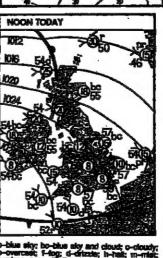
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successive year. The Most Promising Minister award goes to Cecil Parkinson, who has not stopped promising since he joined the Cabinet. Sir Geoffrey Howe Vasterday: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 130 (55F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 3C (57F). Hundridty: 7 pm, 55 per ceat, Rein: 24th to 7 pm, a trace Surr: 24th to 7 pm, 3.5fv, Ber, mean see level, 7 pm, 1,025.0 milliours, failing, 1,000 milliours = 25.53h, gets the award for the most boring film-ever made on a tight budget... We regret that despite intensive

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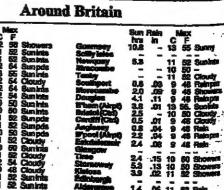
for jobless teenagers "predictable".
"What is wrong in offering some teenagers the chance to learn the discipline and skills which are part of Service life? Hope must be offered to young people out of work, and schemes which do this are welcome."







High tides





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